Matthew Johnston

Experience

2023 – **Software Developer, Creator,** *Herald* □

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Herald is an observability solution that allows software developers to conveniently collect and explore telemetry data, including logs, traces, and metrics, through a single, user-friendly interface.

- Engineered the automatic provisioning and deployment of a data pipeline for the collection, processing, storage, and visualization of logs, traces, and metrics data
- Created CLI tool to facilitate set-up, configuration, deployment, and tear-down of the ELK stack— Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana—on AWS
- Automated cloud deployment of multiple Elasticsearch and Logstash clusters, and a single node of Kibana using AWS CDK
- Architected the generation and storage of certificates to ensure secure communication of pipeline components using TLS encryption
- Containerized components of pipeline infrastructure with appropriate dependencies and runtime environments using AWS ECS
- Engineered service discovery using AWS Cloud Map to ensure successful communication among infrastructure components
- Implemented auto-scaling of Elasticsearch cluster based on a CPU-utilization target
- Authored comprehensive case study discussing the use case, design decisions, and implementation challenges experienced when building Herald
- Collaborated with a remote team of 4 developers across Canada and the U.S. using agile workflow

2019 – 2023 **Software Developer,** *Self-Employed*

A few of the projects & technologies used during this time:

- PanicBin: an application for receiving and debugging webhooks (Node, Express, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, React)
- SwiftCart: an e-commerce shopping-cart app (Node, Express, MongoDB, React)
- TaskMate: a task management app that allows users to build todo lists and track their tasks (Node, Express, JavaScript, Handlebars, HTML, CSS)

2015 – 2022 Writer, Investopedia

Wrote finance- and economic-related articles.

2015 – 2021 **Adjunct Professor,** St. Stephen's University

Taught Intro to Macroeconomics and Intro to Southeast Asian History.

Technical Skills

Languages/FrameworksOther TechnologiesCloudJavaScript, TypeScript, Ruby, Go,Git/GitHub, Node.js, Docker, Nginx,Digital Ocean Droplet, AWS (CDK,

Python, Express, SQL, React, HTML, PostgreSQL, Mod CSS, Jest APIs, Linux

PostgreSQL, MongoDB, RESTful ECS, EC2, Fargate, Cloud Map, APIs, Linux Lambda, and EFS), Heroku

Education

2012 – 2014 **M.A. Economics,** *The New School for Social Research*

2003 – 2007 **B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies,** *St. Stephen's University*