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MODUS OPERANDI

Split my life in three: family; medical charity; and business. The unrelated-to-medicine business funds the first two. Focus is on open-source scalable engineering. Recently awarded an in-kind **grant worth \$3.2M** for neural compute processor access from Google.

LINKS

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CAREER CLIFF NOTES

- ◇ As a contractor working on unrelated sensor network metric aggregation, showed the largest communications company in Australia how to save \$100M;
 ⋄ Given the entire top floor of the JP Morgan building to go from nothing to a full product in the Natural Language Processing (NLP) industry (all my subcontractors, including postdoctoral computational linguists)... with the backing of a billionaire family. Company acquired by calendly;
- Built a stock market analytics platform (for a high-net-worth individual);
- ◇ Created deduplication algorithms and databases for helping one large bank—who bought another large bank—to join customer profiles (for a Venture Capital fund, who then proceeded to raise \$60M off this);
 ⋄ Engineered a distributed system for a blockchain company (my 'stock' in their company has since gone up > 16000%).

APPROACH

Develop open-source: compilers; DevOps; and developer tooling. To speedup development; trivialise portability across platforms (OS; distribution; cloud); facilitate the speedy onboarding of new engineers; in summary: to accelerate the delivery of high quality software.

Engineer new compilers to translate OpenAPI \leftrightarrow {Rust; Swift; Kotlin Multiplatform; C; TypeScript; Python} in order to speedup the development of multi-tier multi-language applications (e.g., mobile apps; web frontends; REST API backends).

Engineer new DevOps / GitOps / MLOps tooling where Docker is optional. Support native: Windows; Linux; macOS; SunOS; HP/UX; z/OS; iOS; and Android. Written in shell—Bourne Shell, Bash, Windows Batch, Microsoft PowerShell—complimented by new package managers in C and Rust.

Research driven, holding a PhD and a fellowship at Harvard. I am a top contributor to Keras, the 2nd most popular Machine Learning framework. C++ contributions sent to both PyTorch and TensorFlow for optimising their vector allocations. I am a Google Developer Expert for Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence (ML/AI GDE); Google also oftens gives me grants for their TPU Research Cloud.

EXPERIENCE

Mass. Eye and Ear Infimary / Harvard Medical School. 2021+

⋄ Collaborating with ophthalmologists on initiating new medical diagnostic screening programmes that are wholly charitable, open-source, patent-free,

and AI-driven; and analysing & modelling from historical data in preparation.

HEAD OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING at consultancy offscale.io

2015+

- ♦ Consulting for various high-net-worth individuals, the odd venture capital firm, and any random project introduced word-of-mouth to me. Ranges from just me, to as many as 20 engineers.
- Engineers open-source developer tools to speedup engineering of scalable software. Foci on: cross-platform, multi-ML, multicloud, and compilers to translate across codebases. github.com/offscale
- ⋄ NOTE: Firm purposefully avoids anything related to medicine so as to avoid actual—or perceived—conflicts of interest with charitable research.

EDUCATION

FELLOWSHIP. Harvard Medical School.

2021+

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD). University of Sydney. 2015–2020

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE. School of Computing. *Macquarie U.* **2010–2014** \diamond Covered a range of subjects supporting my passion for computer science.

OPEN-SOURCE

700+ repositories on GitHub, >300 of these original projects (not forks). Top-10 contributor to Google's Keras (2nd-most popular ML framework; with 13 million downloads per month; as of Feb 2025).