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SUMMARY

An accomplished software engineer and architect with a passion for leadership, security, systems, and mentoring. I seek out challenges as opportunities for growth, handle ambiguous situations well, and can break down complex problems into creative solutions with actionable tasks.

I am seeking a challenging senior technical or leadership role at a forward-thinking company.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	Go, Python, Bash, SQL, Perl, LaTeX
Operating Systems	Linux (CentOS, Gentoo, Ubuntu), OS X
Software	git, vim

EXPERIENCE

Squarespace   Dec 2017 - Present
Senior Software Engineer   *Portland, OR*

· Successfully kept services online during the traffic spike from our annual Super Bowl ad.
· Architected and built a black box caching system for all customer websites; increased responsiveness from the CMS and reduced the number of requests to the application by 60%, in turn reducing HW requirements to run the platform. (Go, VCL, Python, Perl)
· Designed and built a system ensuring reliable broadcast of cache invalidation requests to all cache nodes. (Go, Java)
· Built a Varnish module to offload security operations onto the cache layer. (C)
· Managed the sunsetting of early TLS support, including communication with stakeholders. (Java)

Sabbatical   Sep 2016 - Dec 2017

· Having accomplished many of the goals personally set at DreamHost, I took a year off to travel and work on a couple passion projects.
· Successfully achieved many of the goals personally set at DreamHost; took a sabbatical.
· Mentored someone new to development in C# and Unity.
· Built a tool in Go to analyze a SSL/TLS x509 certificate and return its trust chain.
· Built an interpreter in Go for an esoteric programming language.

DreamHost   Oct 2014 - Aug 2016
Senior/Lead Software Engineer   *Los Angeles, CA*

· Leadership and Mentoring: Managed two direct reports. Involved in technical hiring.
· Architecture: Technical lead on the API2, Malware Remover, VPS-SSD, DreamPress 2 projects.
· Infrastructure: Automated system configuration for 50K machines using Chef and an in-house system.
· Core Dev: Major contributions to the foundations and billing of an old codebase (1997).
· Security: Post-exploit incident response. Reported several notable issues.

DreamHost   Jan 2011 - Oct 2014
Software Engineer   *Los Angeles, CA*

· Projects: Dedicated Servers, CafeCommerce
· Testing and CI: Created testing framework and practices, along with supporting CI processes.
· Git Transition: Significant contributor in transition from subversion to git.
· Research and Documentation: Created detailed documented how fraud detection systems worked.

DreamHost   Nov 2009 - Jan 2011
Technical Support   *Los Angeles, CA*

· Specialized in resolving complex, ongoing problems where it was difficult to find the root cause.
· Diagnosed abnormally high load systems and troubleshot customer websites.

Page Provider   Dec 2006 - Nov 2009
Systems Administrator   *Rancho Cucamonga, CA*

· Startup hosting provider.
· Built and deployed custom kernels and software for colocated customers.
· Provisioned, deployed, configured, and managed both servers and services.