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Mid-career software engineer and operating systems programmer with a decade of experience creating and testing software solutions that fully exploit the power of IBM Z mainframe computers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trident Services Inc., Capitola, CA (remote)

Aug 2024 – Jan 2025

Senior Software Engineer

- Developed and tested the zOSEM product for z/OS.
- Retrofitted a web interface on top of an existing ISPF/REXX frontend application for zOSEM.
- Provided help desk and consulting services to clients in the government and banking industries.

IBM, Rochester, MN

June 2015 - June 2024

Advisory Software Engineer

- Developed and tested the batch scheduling component of z/OS.
- Provided support and fixes for field-reported problems.
- Gained a deep understanding of IBM mainframe operating systems and mastered a plethora of mainframe-centric languages and tools.

Achievements

- Selected to attend IBM Tech 2023, an exclusive event for high-performing IBMers.
- Promoted to Staff Software Engineer in February 2017 and to Advisory Software Engineer in May 2021.
- Received an IBM innovation award for implementing the IBM Network Job Entry (NJE) protocol in python.
 - Discovered and tested fixes for critical security vulnerabilities in IBM's implementation of NJE over TCP/IP.

EDUCATION

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Aug 2011 - May 2015

B.S. Mathematics, B.S. Computer Science

- Awards: Advantage Iowa Scholar, Dean's List
- GPA: 3.21
- Advanced Coursework: Programming Language Concepts, Operating Systems, Theory of Computation, Artificial Intelligence, Compiler Construction
- Tutoring: Tutored students in fundamental and intermediate computer science courses.

IBM Master the Mainframe Competition

Spring 2012, 2013, 2014

Prize Winner - 2012 and 2014

- Participated in a nationwide competition among high school and college students.
- Gained experience working on enterprise computing systems.

SKILLS & OTHER

Programming Languages: IBM High Level Assembly Language (HLASM), IBM PL/1, IBM LE C, IBM Metal C, ISPF/REXX, Python, Javascript

Other Languages: JCL, JSON, YAML, XML, HTML, CSS

Operating Systems: z/OS, z/VM, CMS, UNIX-based OS's, Consumer OS's

Version Control: SPA, CMVC, SCLM, Subversion, Git

Specialized Tools: MVS/JCL utilities, ISPF, IPCS, SDSF, GNU Make, UNIX tools/utilities