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SOFTWARE ARCHITECT · SECURITY EXPERT

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"The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination illuminated by computation."

Summary

Current Site Reliability Engineer at start-up company Kasa. 7+ years experience specializing in the backend development, infrastructure automation, and computer hacking/security. Super nerd who loves Vim, Linux and OS X and enjoys to customize all of the development environment. Interested in devising a better problem-solving method for challenging tasks, and learning new technologies and tools if the need arises.

Education

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Hyderabad, India

B.TECH IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, GPA: 9.1/10

Nov. 2020 - May 2024

- 2020-21 **Academic Excellence Award** recipient for top GPA in Computer Science department.

Work Experience

Omnious. Co., Ltd.

Seoul, S.Korea

SOFTWARE ARCHITECT

Jun. 2017 - May. 2018

- Provisioned an easily managable hybrid infrastructure(Amazon AWS + On-premise) utilizing IaC(Infrastructure as Code) tools like Ansible, Packer and Terraform.
- Built fully automated CI/CD pipelines on CircleCI for containerized applications using Docker, AWS ECR and Rancher.
- Designed an overall service architecture and pipelines of the Machine Learning based Fashion Tagging API SaaS product with the micro-services architecture.
- Implemented several API microservices in Node.js Koa and in the serverless AWS Lambda functions.
- Deployed a centralized logging environment(ELK, Filebeat, CloudWatch, S3) which gather log data from docker containers and AWS resources.
- Deployed a centralized monitoring environment(Grafana, InfluxDB, CollectD) which gather system metrics as well as docker run-time metrics.

PLAT Corp.

Seoul, S.Korea

CO-FOUNDER & SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Jan. 2016 - Jun. 2017

- Implemented RESTful API server for car rental booking application(CARPLAT in Google Play).
- Built and deployed overall service infrastructure utilizing Docker container, CircleCI, and several AWS stack(Including EC2, ECS, Route 53, S3, CloudFront, RDS, ElastiCache, IAM), focusing on high-availability, fault tolerance, and auto-scaling.
- Developed an easy-to-use Payment module which connects to major PG(Payment Gateway) companies in Korea.

R.O.K Cyber Command, MND

Seoul, S.Korea

SOFTWARE ENGINEER & SECURITY RESEARCHER (COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE)

Aug. 2014 - Apr. 2016

- Lead engineer on agent-less backtracking system that can discover client device's fingerprint(including public and private IP) independently of the Proxy, VPN and NAT.
- Implemented a distributed web stress test tool with high anonymity.
- Implemented a military cooperation system which is web based real time messenger in Scala on Lift.

NEXON

Seoul, S.Korea & LA, U.S.A

GAME DEVELOPER INTERN AT GLOBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Jan. 2013 - Feb. 2013

- Developed in Cocos2d-x an action puzzle game(Dragon Buster) targeting U.S. market.
- Implemented API server which is communicating with game client and In-App Store, along with two other team members who wrote the game logic and designed game graphics.
- Won the 2nd prize in final evaluation.

ShitOne Corp.

Seoul, S.Korea

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Dec. 2011 - Feb. 2012

- Developed a proxy drive smartphone application which connects proxy driver and customer.
- Implemented overall Android application logic and wrote API server for community service, along with lead engineer who designed bidding protocol on raw socket and implemented API server for bidding.

- Conducted penetration testing on SAMSUNG KNOX, which is solution for enterprise mobile security.
- Conducted penetration testing on SAMSUNG Smart TV.

Honors & Awards

INTERNATIONAL

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| 2018 | Finalist , DEFCON 26th CTF Hacking Competition World Final | Las Vegas, U.S.A |
| 2017 | Finalist , DEFCON 25th CTF Hacking Competition World Final | Las Vegas, U.S.A |
| 2014 | Finalist , DEFCON 22nd CTF Hacking Competition World Final | Las Vegas, U.S.A |
| 2013 | Finalist , DEFCON 21st CTF Hacking Competition World Final | Las Vegas, U.S.A |
| 2011 | Finalist , DEFCON 19th CTF Hacking Competition World Final | Las Vegas, U.S.A |

DOMESTIC

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| 2015 | 3rd Place , WITHCON Hacking Competition Final | Seoul, S.Korea |
| 2017 | Silver Prize , KISA HDCON Hacking Competition Final | Seoul, S.Korea |
| 2013 | Silver Prize , KISA HDCON Hacking Competition Final | Seoul, S.Korea |

Presentation

DevFest Seoul by Google Developer Group Korea

Seoul, S.Korea

PRESENTER FOR <HOSTING WEB APPLICATION FOR FREE UTILIZING GITHUB, NETLIFY AND CLOUDFLARE>

Nov. 2017

- Introduced the history of web technology and the JAM stack which is for the modern web application development.
- Introduced how to freely host the web application with high performance utilizing global CDN services.

6th CodeEngn (Reverse Engineering Conference)

Seoul, S.Korea

PRESENTER FOR <DEFCON 20TH : THE WAY TO GO TO LAS VEGAS>

Jul. 2012

- Introduced CTF(Capture the Flag) hacking competition and advanced techniques and strategy for CTF

Writing

A Guide for Developers in Start-up

Facebook Page

FOUNDER & WRITER

Jan. 2015 - PRESENT

- Drafted daily news for developers in Korea about IT technologies, issues about start-up.

Program Committees

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| 2016 | Problem Writer , 2016 CODEGATE Hacking Competition World Final | S.Korea |
| 2013 | Organizer & Co-director , 1st POSTECH Hackathon | S.Korea |

Extracurricular Activity

PoApper (Developers' Network of POSTECH)

Pohang, S.Korea

CORE MEMBER & PRESIDENT AT 2013

Jun. 2010 - Jun. 2017

- Reformed the society focusing on software engineering and building network on and off campus.
- Proposed various marketing and network activities to raise awareness.

PLUS (Laboratory for UNIX Security in POSTECH)

Pohang, S.Korea

MEMBER

Sep. 2010 - Oct. 2011

- Gained expertise in hacking & security areas, especially about internal of operating system based on UNIX and several exploit techniques.
- Participated on several hacking competition and won a good award.
- Conducted periodic security checks on overall IT system as a member of POSTECH CERT.
- Conducted penetration testing commissioned by national agency and corporation.