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Summary

I am seeking a position as a software engineer/architect or other contributor member of an engineering team.

My passion is the production and delivery of excellent, elegant and purposeful software. I care deeply about the people I work with and the teams I contribute to. I am interdisciplinary, unconventional, and ardent. I enjoy projects requiring creative problem solving, prudent risk taking, careful study and reuse of existing techniques and thoughful orchestration. I take the initiative, and I accept the responsibility for my work. I continue to learn from my mistakes.

Current Skills

Software Architecture, Databases, Distributed Systems, C/C++, Erlang, Networking, System Administration/Operations

Employment

Basho Technologies, Software Architect and Product Manager – Cambridge, MA – Jul 2011 - Present

I am currently a Product Manager for the Riak distributed NoSQL database at Basho Technologies. In this role I am responsible for a clear and shared definition of product direction. balancing the demands and long/short term goals of engineering, sales, professional services and the executive-team against the needs of our customers and trends in the distributed database market. I educate sales and marketing through presentations and product comparisons and take part in customer visits and partner activity. I put my diverse background (software engineering, architecture, mentorship, product management, etc.) to work identifying and solving problems. Previous to that role at Basho I was an Architect and a member of the Client Services team.

Oracle Corporation, Product Manager – Burlington, MA – Feb 2006 - Mar 2011

Sleepycat Software was acquired in Feb of 2006 by Oracle and I transitioned into the Embedded Global Business Unit (EGBU) responsible for edge, mobile and embedded databases. There I continued in my role just as before, managing the three products created at Sleepycat - Berkeley DB, Berkeley DB XML, and Berkeley DB Java Edition.

Sleepycat Software, Software Engineer/Product Manager – Boston, MA – Jul 2002 - Feb 2006

Hired initially to do software engineering on Berkeley DB I later transitioned in 2004 to the role of Product Manager. I reported into the office of the CTO and worked with all parts of the organization, our partners and our board. I was directly responsible for the success of our products in their respective markets. I launched two highly successful products and continue to enhance and maintain them today in this role.

KnowNow, Technical Alliance Manager – Menlo Park, CA – Dec 2000 - Jun 2002

Founded by Rohit Khare and Adam Rifkin I joined KnowNow as the fourth employee. Together we pitched Kleiner Perkins. We were funded and worked at first from the KP incubator offices on Sand Hill Road. Our primary technological break through was AJAX (by another name) and some foundational ideas behind REST. My role was to communicate and advocate the technical value of the KnowNow Event Router and Micro-Server to strategic software integrators, value-added resellers, and other channel partners. I accomplished this with a mixture of sample code, on-site meetings and presentations.

Primix Solutions, Managing Consultant – Watertown, MA – Sep 1996 - Jun 1999

It was my responsibility to report to the CTO on cross-functional performance, opportunities for strategic improvement, as well as to identify sub-par design decisions across the 5-10 consulting engagements underway at any given time. In this role I helped identify and foster open source frameworks, contribute to the success of many engagements, interface with customers and communicate back to the CTO and company leadership ways in which we could technically refine our delivery process and build reliable systems on time, within budget.

Sun Microsystems, Member of Technical Staff (MTS-4) Software Engineer – Bay Area, CA – Jul 1999 - Nov 2000 I worked in a number of areas within Sun:

Desktop Technologies - Adapting the NeXT Computer OpenStep software for use on Solaris 2.7

JavaSoft - Building office applications in the Java Applications Group

Market Development Engineering - Supporting the strategic database and ERP systems partners

Marble Associates, Managing Associate Consultant – San Jose, CA then later Watertown, MA – Aug 1993 - Aug 1996

Senior Consulting Engineer building NeXTSTEP applications, porting TCP/IP onto OSI, and writing/delivering on SBIR grants. This small consulting firm experienced a tragedy when 3 of 4 founders (CEO, CTO, CFO) died in a small plane crash. This fractured the company, many left, I remained and helped to re-assert our position as a viable firm.

NeXT Computer, Developer Support Team – Redwood City, CA – May 1992 - Sep 1992

Responsibilities included custom development and technical support for strategic clients, sales support, and speaking and presenting. I worked to help the strategic accounts port software to NeXTSTEP.

Education

BS/CS, New Mexico State University, 1991-1992 At the conclusion of this year of education I was hired by NeXT Computer.

BA/MA, Whitter College, 1990-1991 In a 3/2 program with UCLA for a masters of photojournalism.