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GOALS

- Backend or full-stack engineering
- Local in Phoenix area or remote
- Protect privacy, empower the customer

SKILLS

Web technologies: Full stack web development using Google Cloud Platform and AWS; React, Angular, jQuery, Webpack, Docker.

Coding: >50 programming languages, constantly learning more and inventing new ones (ask me about both!). Most recent work experience in Go, C#, JS/Node.js, and bash shell; less recent work was in Typescript, Java, and PHP. Personal project experience in C, Python, and Ruby. Has written parallel and concurrent code.

Development process engineering: Designs customized systems and operating procedures for the problem and the team, some of which have been battle-tested for six years and are still going strong.

Security and privacy: Catches potential attack vectors at code review. Protects coworkers' and customers' privacy as a matter of deep personal conviction to "do no harm," while allowing the power and flexibility to get the job done.

Other: Has studied and implemented algorithms for music synthesis and analysis, robot control, machine learning, OCR, pathfinding, 3D graphics and raytracing, parsers, compilers, interpreters, and operating systems. Is migrating personal devices from Apple to Linux.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Software Engineer and Microservices Architect, Evernote (Redwood City, CA until October 2020; thereafter Remote in Phoenix, AZ; June 2016 - February 2023)

Re-architected and migrated evernote.com from PHP with AWS to Go with Google App Engine My system design has been in production for six years so far.

- Recursive HTML/JSON template system, and compatibility checkers to ensure that all JSON data remains valid even as templates change.
- CMS integration allows non-programmers to assemble template components into pages via Crownpeak (C#, command-line SSH/SFTP, Google Cloud Compute+Storage).
- New tooling for deploy, preview, unit test, and code quality (Go, yarn, webpack, nvm/fnm, bash/zsh, rsync, SASS, prettier, eslint, goimports, golint-ci, shellcheck).
- Created command-line search tools in Go and bash shell script to list assets related by (e.g.) shared JS sources, HTML template files, URLs, etc. It answers frequent questions like "Which pages use this HTML component?" or reverse query "Which components does this page use?"; or "Which translation languages are available for this URL?" etc. (bash, awk, grep/ripgrep, sed, jq/yq, xargs, etc.)

Team process engineering: How can I make our work easy and fun? What will likely become a bottleneck? Is training/tooling/re-architecting the best way to solve this?

Content Delivery Network (CDN): created from scratch using Google Cloud Storage. For images in Iterable promo email campaigns.

Browser-based note editor and checkout flow: Typescript+React frontend and Java backend.

Jenkins continuous integration testing (BitBucket-Jenkins integration): No code changes are allowed into the master git branch unless the test suite passes.

Google Cloud Platform: scaling, hosting, Pub/Sub, BigQuery, storage, secrets management.

Communication: Slack (+ API), Atlassian JIRA and Confluence, BitBucket, DataDog, PagerDuty.

Software Engineer, Coupa Software (San Mateo, CA; May 2015 – January 2016)

Ruby on Rails, Bootstrap, Turnip unit tests, Jenkins, and bash. Optimized RSpec test harness to work 30% faster; developed in-browser integration tests and unit tests; cooperated via AGILE with hundreds of developers using GitHub and Atlassian JIRA.

Software Engineer Intern, Rustici Software (Nashville, TN; June 2014 - August 2014)

Created Python client library for TinCan API (xAPI 2.0) and created a JSON object verifier and recognizer using JSON Schema and Node.js/JavaScript. Worked on five-person team using GitHub.

Industrial Controls Engineer, Bridgestone (Nashville, TN; May 2012 - December 2012)

Designed safety systems and machine control systems with AutoCAD Electrical, CoDeSys, and RSLogix. Coded PLCs in structured text (IEC 61131-3) and ladder logic, and created AutoCAD plugins with C#, Visual Basic, and LISP.

Computer Programmer Intern, Oak Ridge National Laboratory Physics Division (Oak Ridge, TN; June 2010 - August 2010)

Modernized a browser-based experiment log system. Used PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, TinyMCE, ssh, vim, Red Hat Linux.

NOTABLE PERSONAL AND SCHOOL PROJECTS

github.com/chaimleib/intervaltree, 2014 onward. Modify and query intervals in logarithmic time in pure Python 2/3. This is currently the industry reference implementation of interval trees in Python, cited in numerous academic research papers for gene research and computer vision applications, etc.

github.com/chaimleib/dotfiles, 2014 onward. Bash and ZSH compatible environment setup, automatically install desired tools on apt/apk/pacman/brew, lssys detects OS/CPU/RAM, vim and neovim configuration for Language Server Protocol, etc.

Pyenv v2.3.14 February 2023. Added patches in C for the source code of Python 3.6 and 3.5, fixing compilation for modern OSes on x86_64 and Apple M1 processors.

Completed Linux From Scratch in 2006 and 2021 (<https://www.linuxfromscratch.org/lfs/>). Compiled and configured a complete Linux system from C/C++ source code and the command line.

chaimleib.com personal website and jQuery audio player (zichronos), 2014 onward. TLS certificate/HTTPS. Static pages and media generated using Ruby, Jekyll and GitHub Pages, Bash and SCSS, audio player using jQuery.

USB Nintendo 64 Cartridge reader, 2014. Allows backups of N64 games to the computer. Written in C for Atmega32u4 microcontroller (Teensy 1.0).

2-axis gimballed spotlight with IR camera target tracker, UC Berkeley EECS 149 Intro to Embedded Systems, 2014. Python, finite state machine program architecture, Raspberry Pi, Bluetooth, Nintendo Wii controller, RS485 serial servos.

Handwritten digit recognizer, Coursera.com Machine Learning, August 2012 with Prof. Andrew Ng. Written in Octave, an open-source clone of Matlab.

Lua-like interpreter, parser generator and bytecode compiler, UC Berkeley CS 164 Compilers, 2010. Written in Python 2. Also created a Vim syntax highlighting file for the new language.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley – College of Engineering (August 2008 - March 2014)

Studied Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Assignments were completed in Python, C, C++, Java, JavaScript, Matlab, Scheme, and Latex. Courses covered recursive data structures and algorithms, AI, computer graphics, compilers, embedded systems, and DSP. Nearly all technical courses required ssh to bash shell on Solaris or CentOS, GNU Makefile, and some sort of VCS, usually git.