Chesley Brown

Founder of RentChek. Lead Software Engineer at InVision. Coding enthusiast. Husband & Father.

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Skills

- Proficient in Golang, Javascript (TypeScript, React, Angular), HTML, CSS (Tailwind, Sass, Responsive Web Design), Git, Bash, Docker, Continuous Integration, Debuggers (Browser, IDE), and Unit & Functional Testing
- Competent in PHP, Python, Mysql, Postgres, DynamoDB, Redis and MongoDB
- Experiences with iOS Development (Swift) and Java
- Other skills & traits include Project Management, Self-initiative, Team Collaboration, Team Management, Project Planning, Forward Thinking, Knowledge Transfer, Documenting, Technical Scoping, and Research & Development

Experience

• InVision - invisionapp.com

Lead Software Engineer - Oct 2018 to Present

- Acted as Intrim Engineering Manager from Feb 2019 to May 2020
 - Conducted 1-on-1's and performance reviews with team members
 - Worked with Directors, Managers and Staff Engineers to plan and prioritize work
 - Cooridnated sprint planning, retrospectives, effort estimations and other team meetings
- Planned and cooridnate large scale projects across multiple teams
- Managed build & deploy processes over 100 services using tools such as Github Actions, Docker, and Kubernetes
- Focused on improving developer velocity by custom building a local development environment with clear documentation that orchestrated over 100 micro-services using tools such as AWS, Docker, continuous integration, and custom built CLIs
- Worked on internal assets API service that managed the over 300 million assets used by the InVision platform and helped with migrating all data seemlessly (zero down time and zero data loss) from MySQL to DynamoDB

- Worked on resolving obscue bugs in the new InVision Freehand product using debugger tools
- Assisted with sunsetting and cost monitoring and reduction efforts
- Built custom Slack bot for managing deployments and releases
- Conducted interviews and onboarding for new software engineers
- Provided support and mentorship to other software engineers
- Handled on-call duties for production issues

Senior Software Engineer - *Aug 2015 to Oct 2018*

- Tasked with enhancing and extending their SaaS architecture
- Help design and develop new services and capabilities
- Drive to continuously maintain high product quality and improve the process
- Using tools tools like Git, Jira, Confluence, Jenkins/CI
- Work in rapid development cycles
- Utilize technologies such as NodeJS, ExpressJS, npm, GulpJS, AngularJS, Docker, Vagrant, MySOL
- Bluedrop Performance Learning bluedrop.com

Lead Programmer & Release Engineer - Oct 2008 to Aug 2015

- Involved in problem solving and architecting solutions
- Provide leadership and ensure the quality of code produced by the development team through pull requests and code reviews
- Involved in writing specifications, solution scoping, evaluating risks, time estimations, assessing resources and designing technical architectures
- Perform DevOp duties including implementing and maintaining an agile development process, test & behaviour driven development, 12 Factor app design and continuous deployment
- Utilize technologies such as PHP, Zend Framework, NodeJS, AngularJS, Docker, Vagrant, Puppet, Git, Sass, Postgres, npm, bower, GruntJS, jQuery, phpunit, JasmineBD, Mocha, SCORM Engine, SCORM 1.2/2004, AICC and TinCan API

Statusfirm

Web Application Developer - Jul 2007 to Aug 2008

- Contributed to media websites that served 1000's of simultaneous viewers
- Developed live comment system
- Website optimization
- Integrated a third-party ticket purchasing system using a provided API
- Built parsers for provided government files
- Developed website graphics using GIMP, Photoshop and Illustrator
- Provided leadership within the development team
- Utilized technologies such as PHP, jQuery, CVS, SVN, Apache, MySql and Smarty Template Engine

Projects

• InVision Freehand & Prototyping - invisionapp.com

A prototyping, workflow, and collaboration platform for designers. Powered by React, Go, NodeJS, Docker, Kubernetes and more. I worked on portions of the frontend, but mainly worked on backend services, infrastructure, and internal developer tools. I also contributed to InVision Freehand; an all-in-one collaborative online whiteboard, which was powered by much of the same technology stack.

• RentChek - rentchek.com

Responsive web app I built for managing rental properties. Powered by Sass, AngularJS, MongoDB, NodeJS, JasmineBD, Mocha and 12 Factor app design.

• Synapsie - synapsie.com

Web app I created for recording life memories. Powered by Python, Django, Apache and jQuery.

• CoursePark - coursepark.com

I was a Lead Developer for this eLearning platform at Bluedrop. Powered by technologies such as PHP, Zend Framework, phpunit, jQuery, Postgres, SCORM Engine, Git and nginx.

• Bluedrop Learning Networks Platform - Work in Progress

Was a new platform led by myself and my team of developers at Bluedrop. A custom built eLearning platform consisting of apps following 12 Factor design. Using technologies such as NodeJS, AngularJS, Sass, GruntJS, JasmineBD, Mocha, Docker, Postgres, Redis. Although this was a work in progress, you can preview the API documentation online. I've since left the company, and no longer know the status of this project.

• Story Point Commander - github.com/chesleybrown/story-point-commander

Very opinionated story point poker I built as a side project. Allows collaboratively estimating stories by thinking about the solution effort + additional testing effort + risk level. Easily deploy the application yourself for free using Vercel.

• PeerPerks - chesleybrown.github.io/peerperks

OpenSource web app I created to encourage peer code review through gamification with incentives. Powered by Firebase and AngularJS.

• Portfolio - chesleybrown.ca

My custom built portfolio. Source code can be seen at github.com/chesleybrown/portfolio. Powered by NodeJS and AngularJS, and hosted on Vercel.

Open Source Contributions - github.com/chesleybrown

The following are just a few examples of my contributions to the open source community: go-health, node-jira-client, kit, kit-overwatch, angular-add-to-home-

screen, pongular, grunt-aglio, knex, allmighty-autocomplete, autofill-directive, uservoice-trigger-directive, bitbucket-codeship-status

Education

• College of the North Atlantic - cna.nl.ca

Website Administrator - Class of 2007

Graduated with a 4.0 GPA

Hobbies

- Snowboarding Moderately skilled
- Casual Gamer Starcraft, Counter-Strike and misc VR games
- Juggling Intermediate
- Programming Yes, it's also a hobby
- Shovelling Snow Mandatory hobby in Nova Scotia

References

- Github github.com/chesleybrown
- LinkedIn linkedin.com/in/chesleybrown
- Professional references available on request.