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Skills

Programming : C++, Python, Java
Skills : Kafka, Mysql, ElasticSearch, Kubernetes

Industry Experience

Ziphq **Software Engineer** **San Francisco, CA, USA** **04/18/2022 – Present**

Infrastructure _____

- **Technical owner of the streaming platform**
 - Wrote the tech spec for a streaming platform and lead the evaluation process of onboarding 3rd party vendors including Kafka and OLAP db.
 - Evaluate Kafka managed solutions and onboard AWS MSK (Kafka).
 - Collaborate with Payment-platform team to build the streaming platform end to end, which is the foundation of payment accounting ledges.
 - Collaborate with Insight team to onboard Clickhouse to power Zip insight functionality.
 - Collaborate with Integration-platform team to build an async webhook framework based on AWS Lambda and Kafka.
 - Set up Kafka database CDC which drives various asynchronous computations.
 - Set up a logging ETL pipeline (vector, Kafka, logstash, Elasticsearch) on top of k8s to power visibility for Zip engineers.
- **Used framework & tools:** Python, Kafka, Clickhouse, Kubernetes

Citadel LLC **Software Engineer** **Chicago, IL, USA** **09/03/2019 – 03/18/2022**

Reconciliations and Control infra team _____

- **Build rec&control system v3:**
 - Help design the new reconciliation system from scratch. Share my knowledge about the old system to all new members in the team.
 - Build infra components of the new system such as Kafka C++ client, datadog C++ client, logging module and so on.
 - Help build the core matching C++ service using Apache Arrow. Optimize the matching process, especially the hot path to reduce run time as much as possible.
- **Disaster Recovery:**
 - Main contributor for disaster recovery (DR) planning and execution.
 - Write the scripts that submit CName change requests, change load balance configuration, sync files between different data centers, and etc.
 - Successfully switch R&C data centers multiple times with no user impact.
- **Other responsibilities:**
 - Maintain v2 system and add business features on a regular basis. Maintain a good relationship with business side and act as POC for production issues.
 - Help automate Futures/Options, FTR (Financial Transmission Right), and a few other OTC products reconciliation process.
- **Used framework & tools:** C++ Boost, Apache.Arrow, Spring Boot, multithreading, MS SQL server, Kafka, Datadog

Airbnb **Software Engineer** **San Francisco, CA, USA** **05/22/2017 – 08/27/2019**

Search ranking team _____

03/01/2019 – 08/27/2019

- **Main contribution:**
 - migrate the heaviest job from RDD to Dataset, whose runtime was reduced from 3h to 30m.
 - Use a new way to attribute user searches to their final bookings, which doubled the size of training data.
- **Used framework & tools:** Spark, Hive, Airflow, Scala

Home infra team _____ **05/22/2017 – 2/28/2019**

- **Technical owner of the review platform:**
 - Build the next generation of review service for Airbnb. This is a review platform that supports different business verticals' reviews. We had successfully migrated 340+M reviews and 1B+ review categories to new review schema without downtime.
 - Collaborate with storage team to setup the derived data store to provide real-time review aggregated data, i.e., review counts, review rating histogram and so on, which improved the tail latency by half.
 - Migrate AWS EC2 review Elasticsearch cluster to AWS managed ES cluster. Also upgrade ES version from 1.4.5 to 6.2.1
- **Used framework & tools:** Dropwizard, Chef, Airflow, Elasticsearch, Mcrouter Cache, Powergrid(multithreading)

Education

Ph.D. in Physics	GPA: 3.86/4.0	Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA, USA	08/15/2012 – 05/05/2017
M.S. in Computer Science & Engineering	GPA: 3.86/4.0	Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA, USA	01/01/2016 – 06/01/2016
B.S. in Physics	GPA: 3.75/4.0	Wuhan University	Wuhan, China	09/01/2008 - 06/05/2012

Selected publications

[1] **X.Ding**, H. Chaté, P. Cvitanović, E. Siminos, and K. A. Takeuchi , *Estimating the dimension of an inertial manifold from unstable periodic orbits* , *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **117**, 024101 (2016)

[2] **X. Ding** and P. Cvitanović , *Periodic Eigendecomposition and its application in Kuramoto-Sivashinsky system* , *SIAM J. Appl. Dyn. Syst.* **15**, 1434–1454 (2016)