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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

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OBJECTIVE

I love to develop excellent and meaningful devices, products and services. I seek to face interesting unknowns together, with clever & motivated people.

PERSONALITY

- Self-starter, adaptive and driven
- Comfortable architecting and leading development.
- Very willing to follow excellent leaders
- Life-long exposure entrepreneurial mentality

BUZZWORD BINGO

Java, Python, C/C++, Swift3, Objective-C, PHP, Javascript, jQuery, HTML/CSS, BASH, Ansible, Geoserver, MySQL, Postgres/PostGIS, Virtualization (AWS/VMware), svn, git, gitlab, devops, ant, gradle, continuous integration, Apache2, nginx, CAD (Fusion 360), VHDL, FPGAs, PCB layout, Agile method, DRY principle

RECENT EXPERIENCE

LIDAR SERVICES INTERNATIONAL (LSI) & GASRECON (GRI)

SEPTEMBER 2011 TO PRESENT, FULL-TIME

2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rolled-out Ansible, retired custom BASH orchestration- Next-gen aerial photography precision-logging prototyping- Created automated back-end-fault reporting to Slack- Built client-side cross-platform updater & monitor app- Continued software dev ownership for LSI & GRI- Detailed reporting of potentially tax-break worthy IP- Provided in-field support for aerial data collection
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinated data pipe automation, reduced overhead 60%- Devised auto unit test exec and report bundling for LSI- Scaled-up use of in-house ESX, Retired EC2 systems- Ported all IP from Trac/SVN to Gitlab/git- Modernized automated build system for LSI- Prioritized R&D, informed by providing end-user support- Supported aerial and ground LSI/GRI data collection
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinated GRI's rapid prototyping, continued from 2014- Owned cloud roll-out to EC2. Handled all 20 Linux servers- Java montages (nights/weekends) to bootstrap GRI Cloud- Co-integrated higher-accuracy GPS for GRI field systems- Flew/supported 5 weeks of LSI data collection in Costa Rica- Became sole on-staff developer for both LSI and GRI
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HW & SW co-integration of new LSI LiDAR scanner- Co-integrated new COTS DSLR cameras for LSI aerial ops- Commenced rapid prototyping of new GRI sensor platform- Organized all DevOps for LSI/GRI Software Team, 3 devs- Owned feedback-loop with GRI field ops, steered R&D- Continued occasional LSI field operations support
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- LSI spawned GRI (pipe mapping and CH₄ leak detection)- Major GRI systems architectural & road-mapping input- Flew field support for nearly all LSI projects
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joined LSI SW team (2 people). Began Java development- Most dev efforts focused upon Matrix; for aerial surveying- Continued extensive LSI field operations role
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joined LSI in system's support role (hardware focused)- Installed, flew, repaired manned aerial surveying systems

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RECENT PROJECTS

APP STORE

<https://dawning.ca/apps>

I've recently released a few glorified *hello-world* apps to Apple's App Store. I've especially enjoyed watchOS and macOS dev.

PERSONAL LAB

I maintain a home environment of Linux and BSD servers. I prototype with them and frequently roll-out my findings beyond my lab. I'm a major lover & very seasoned user of all-things Unix.

3D PRINTERS

<https://dawning.ca/df>

<https://dawning.ca/cc155>

I was an early adopter of 3D printers. I've built two, one a heavily altered kit, the other from scratch. My printers have various excellent customizations.

MRI/CT 3D MODELLING

<https://dawning.ca/skulls>

I've processed & printed complex models derived from actual raw MRI data of my nephew's skull. I recently gained access to the Smithsonian's CT scan database for future such projects.

MORE

<https://jamesnell.com>

<http://linkedin.com/in/jamestsnell>

<https://github.com/docdawning>

<https://dawning.ca/hackaday>

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CALGARY

APRIL 2009 TO PRESENT, CONTRACTED-BASIS

I've been involved with Columbia since around 1998. My first job was servicing hardware and providing help desk support. In 2009, I founded their Security Services training eLearning platform using Moodle with AWS-hosted LAMP services. Paypal-driven self-enrolled students have attended our online programs in Security Services ever since.

With Columbia's ESX infrastructure, I coordinate all Linux-based services ever since I first established them. This includes an in-house AD-integrated Moodle deployment (separate to the above mentioned) with over 2000 active student & staff accounts.

I have created and deployed various generations of Columbia's public website (upon Wordpress, on self-hosted Linux servers). This includes establishment and coaching of SEO and Social Media advertising campaigns. We recently have outsourced this to an external firm, though I continue to coach the internal and external team members.

FORMAL EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER DESIGNATION (P.ENG),
LICENSED BY ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND GEOSCIENTISTS OF ALBERTA (APEGA), 2015**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING,
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, 2010**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE,
EMBEDDED SYSTEMS CONCENTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, 2010**

INTERESTS

I'm perpetually working on personal projects aimed to help me gain new skills & exercise my creativity. Most of my projects are software-oriented. I also enjoy simple Electrical and Mechanical Engineering expeditions. Some of the methods I explore in my home lab end up inspiring systems I deploy professionally. I've listed my most recent projects to the left. I love dogs, espresso and guitars.