Dante Smith

Site Reliability Engineer · Full-Stack Developer

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Summary

Experienced engineer specializing in infrastructure automation and distributed systems. Skilled in AWS, Kubernetes, and full-stack development. Passionate about improving developer experience and reliability through scalable, observable systems.

Experience

Senior Site Reliability Engineer — Acme Corp *(2022 – Present)*

- Led migration to Kubernetes, improving uptime from 99.5 → 99.95 %.
- Automated observability with Prometheus + Grafana, defining SLOs across services.
- Built reusable Terraform modules adopted by 10+ teams.

Software Engineer — Beta Systems *(2018 – 2021)*

- Designed event-driven microservices with Kafka for high-volume notifications.
- Collaborated with frontend team to implement full-stack delivery of new features.
- Mentored junior engineers and maintained CI pipelines (GitLab CI, Docker).

Backend Engineer — StartUp Co *(2015 – 2018)*

- Created REST APIs in Node.js and Spring Boot.
- Improved test coverage and reduced production incidents by 30 %.

Skills

Languages: Python, Go, JavaScript, TypeScript
Cloud: AWS (EC2, RDS, S3), GCP, Terraform
DevOps: Docker, Kubernetes, Helm, GitLab CI/CD
Monitoring: Prometheus, Grafana, ELK Stack
Frontend: React, Redux, HTML / CSS

Education

B.S. Computer Science — University of Illinois (2015)

Projects

- **LiveMetrics:** Real-time metrics pipeline using Go + Kafka (50k msg/sec).
- **DeployBot:** Internal deployment dashboard reducing failed deploys by 60 %.

Certifications

- AWS Certified Solutions Architect — Associate
- Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA)

Interests

Cycling · Woodworking · Indie Game Jams