

LEAD SOFTWARE ENGINEER - GOLANG

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Kunai

Dear Kunai,

I think I have **more** than the qualifications you ask.

I have six years of experience working directly with payment networks implementing and certifying protocols for retail systems - credit, debit, check, ACH, private label, etc. I built one new system from scratch and maintained two others, handling everything including network-level, encryption, and parallelization of processing.

I'm currently expert-level with Go, owing to using it daily for the last five years. I count 12 years with microservices, three or four with Kafka, nine with AWS, more than 20 with Java, and a couple with Python.

In my last position (2U), I was very deep into database performance with one of our system's AuroraDB, making big changes with a significant benefit.

At 2U, I built and maintained many serverless solutions, including ones built on AWS Lambda and Step Function. While I was not on the DevOps team, I was the go-to developer for doing DevOps work, and the go-to contact for DevOps to answer questions about how the system could scale.

At Groupon, I built high-performance, Kafka-based systems that had to survive load testing at 6,000 TPM prior to our dreaded "Starbucks deal"

days (ours always did).

Sincerely,

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