Software Engineer, Async Team

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Gusto

Dear Gusto,

Hello!

While I'm not versed in Sidekiq, I have a lot of experience with Kafka, RabbitMQ, SNS/SQS, NATS, as well a few terrible home-grown solutions (a few in-memory in C++, and one in a PostgreSQL table). I mention the last ones because troubleshooting the problems caused by these involved some deep dives on how deadlocks and races, multiple-deliveries, and visibility timeouts should and should not work.

My last role was SRE/DevOps-adjacent as I built out the developer tooling and infrastructure for CI/CD, encrypted in-repo secrets management, as well as secret validation and injection and scaling. "Adjacent" in this context means, "I'm not the person who can install or manage a Kubernetes cluster, but I know how it works and can write helm charts, CI/CD pipelines, edit existing helm charts managed by SRE, evaluate and deploy Dapr to Kubernetes for use by other teams." Primarily, I write code—but I do know enough about infrastructure to do those things.

My Ruby on Rails experience dates back to 2005ish, for small projects back then. Skip forward to Blue Frog Gaming for a little bit of work, then forward some more for Groupon's PWA with 300 daily committers, where I shipped features (and also won an award for using the hack week to delete thousands of lines of dead code).

I'd love a chance to talk aobut this position!

Sincerely,

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