

# Phil Russell

*I'm a software engineer whose greatest passion is to create products that solve the problems people value. I make my most valuable contributions as part of a software product development team, either in a leadership or senior software engineering role.*

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## Experience

### AT&T

Principal Software Engineer - Chief Data Office

*2013 to Present*

- Founding member of AT&T Big Data Center of Excellence, which later became AT&T Chief Data Office.
- I serve a team of data scientists creating fraud detection and mitigation solutions.
- In previous roles worked extensively with location analytics.
- Delivered numerous data pipeline and machine learning operationalization solutions.
- Deeply involved with transitioning all of AT&T's non-network IT infrastructure to Microsoft Azure.

### Private Investor

*2007 to 2013*

- Semi-retired as a result of liquidity event from sale of Corprasoft, Inc.
- Re-entered workforce because I love creating software and just couldn't stay away.

### Corprasoft Inc.

Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer

*1996 to 2007*

- Leading provider of enterprise case management and outside counsel fee management software, with global customer base
- Founded with one other individual and grew to become market-leading solution.
- Personally developed two major releases of Corprasoft's initial *Chief Legal Officer* product, and led development of subsequent *Corprasoft Legal Desktop* web-based product.- Sold company to competitor in 2007.

*Prior to 1996*

- Various corporate finance and software development positions

## Education

### Master of Business Administration

Vanderbilt University - Owen Graduate School of Management

- Concentration in Finance

### Bachelor of Engineering

Vanderbilt University - School of Engineering

- Double major in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

### Recent and Notable Professional Training Classes

- Designing and Implementing a Microsoft Azure AI Solution
- Designing a Microsoft Azure Data Solution
- Implementing a Microsoft Azure Data Solution
- Leading SAFe (Scaled Agile Framework)
- Pragmatic Marketing Practical Product Management
- Cooper Professional Education Interaction Design Practicum

## Skills

### Languages, Platforms & Tools

| Time Frame ►<br>▼ Proficiency | Current   | Recent              | Past   |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| Expert                        | Azure PowerShell Scripting<br>JavaScript/HTML/CSS                     | R Shiny             | Microsoft Access   |
| High                          | Bash Shell Scripting<br>Hadoop<br>Linux<br>MacOS<br>Python<br>Vue.js  | Hive<br>R Language  | C#.NET   |
| Medium                        | Apache Spark<br>Cassandra<br>Firebase<br>Java<br>MongoDB<br>Terraform | Apache Pig          | Delphi (Pascal)<br>Microsoft SQL Server<br>Objective-C and Cocoa API<br>Oracle<br>Visual Basic.NET |
| Novice                        | Scala   | Amazon Web Services |  |

### Expertise

| Time Frame ►<br>▼ Proficiency | Current   | Recent  | Past  |
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| Highly Proficient             | Data pipeline engineering in support of AI and machine learning<br>Microsoft Azure Networking | Geolocation, geofencing, and journey tracking | Corporate law department operations and finance |
| Proficient                    | Closed-loop feedback for machine learning models  | Product management<br>Interaction design      |   |
| Competent                     |   |   |   |
| Basic                         | AI / machine learning model design  | Bayesian networks                             |   |

## Publications

- [Why you need to be a Product Manager \(in addition to all your other responsibilities\)](#)  
Everyone in a company has customers, even those whose jobs aren't directly customer-facing, and can better meet their stakeholders' needs by applying product management techniques that have been proven effective in software and other technology companies.
- [Introduction to Bayesian Networks Part 1: Theory and Algorithms](#)  
I wrote this paper when I was grokking Bayesian Networks. The best way to learn something is to try to teach someone else.
- **Azure Recipes**  
Series of AT&T internal articles that provide step-by-step instructions for creating Microsoft Azure network connections using Private Link and Bastion resources.

## Code

Most of my recent code is the intellectual property of my current employer and can't be shared. But here are a few little open source projects that exemplify the quality and style of the code I write.

- [fo-sticky-note](#) A Vue.js component that provides a full-featured sticky note control, bundled into a single ES6 file using rollup.js.
- [fo-markdown-note](#) A Vue.js component that provides a Markdown editor for inclusion in a Vue.js project. It is a thin wrapper around the SimpleMDE JavaScript control.
- [fo-gridstack-organizer](#) A Vue.js component that is a wrapper around the gridstack.js jQuery plugin.

## Certifications



**Microsoft Certified:**  
**Azure AI Engineer**



**Microsoft Certified:**  
**Azure Fundamentals**

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