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Site Reliability Engineer (SRE) with experience in delivering and maintaining cloud-native web services. Former Research Assistant applying High Performance Computing (HPC) and Machine Learning (ML) for simulations / analytics.

Enjoys providing the prototypes, technical glue, and planned work for teams to succeed. Passionate in using Kubernetes and open-source technologies to efficiently build and intelligently operate software applications.

Experience

Software Developer / SRE, Bandwidth

Jan 2017 – Present

Cloud-ready voice, messaging, and 911 built for enterprise. Only API platform provider that owns a Tier 1 network, giving better quality, rates, and control.

- **Platform Engineering** (July 2020 - Present)
 - Architected an internal PaaS for cloud-native software deployments using OpenShift, ArgoCD, AWS, and open-source controllers including KIAM, kubernetes-external-secrets, cert-manager
 - Monitored the Kubernetes control plane and ingress requiring 99.99% uptime using DataDog and Elastic Stack
 - Contributed various fixes to open-source controllers' deployment manifests and source, usually in Helm and Golang
 - Implemented CI/CD workflows using Jenkins and now GitHub Actions
 - Developed a CLI tool in Golang for encrypting git-managed secrets using AWS KMS, and syncing to AWS Secrets Manager in multiple regions
- **Keystone Authentication Services** (Aug 2018 - July 2020)
 - Rolled out replicated OpenLDAP clusters of 40+ servers in multiple datacenters across the US
 - Developed custom tooling in Golang, Java, and Ansible to provide structured logs, OpenMetrics, and chaos scripts for our LDAP clusters
 - Built a cloud-native Java webserver backed by LDAP in order to provide a single OAuth client credentials flow to secure our APIs
 - Implemented cheap health checking and load-balancing for multi-region applications using multi-value Route53 DNS records
 - Integrated various OAuth applications with Okta SSO and attended the Oktane 2019 conference
 - Wrote and upheld SLO of 99.995% login requests would be less than 500ms and successful (or not result in server error)
- **DevOps Engineering** (Oct 2017 - Aug 2018)
 - Prototyped and contributed to a shared Jenkins library for building and deploying Java Spring Boot applications on OpenShift which is currently used company-wide
 - Attended AWS re:Invent 2017, and wrote demo Express websocket application using Bandwidth Messaging APIs and OpenShift Online for RedHat Summit 2018
 - Containerized numerous applications using Docker
 - Assisted teams on delivering applications on OpenShift which interacted with MariaDB, Kafka, and Session Border Controllers (SBCs)
- **Catapult Voice and Messaging Platform** (Jan 2017 - Oct 2017)
 - Contributed to Ansible / CloudFormation automation that used EC2 and Route53 to orchestrate blue / green deployments of stateful SIP servers and MM4 / SMTP gateways
 - Deployed various web services and workers in AWS which required RDS Postgres, ElastiCache, and SQS
 - Modified our call engine to use our internal text-to-speech (TTS) API circuit breaking between AWS Polly a TTS vendor

Software Engineering Intern, RedHat

May – Aug 2016

World's leading provider of open source solutions, using a community-powered approach to provide reliable and high-performing cloud, virtualization, storage, Linux, and middleware technologies.

- Worked as a full stack developer on an internal containerized application used by Red Hat's Support Delivery team

- Developed a job runner and UI for executing background and scheduled tasks using Python's multiprocessing library, MongoDB, and AngularJS

Research Assistant, NCSU - Yingling Research Group

Nov 2013 – May 2016

A simulations and informatics research group specializing in soft materials, led by Dr. Yaroslava Yingling.

- Wrote a C++ shared library and Python binding for initializing and post-processing coarse-grained simulations
- Implemented a cell-list algorithm for determining clusters of objects in 3D space with Periodic Boundary Conditions
- Submitted simulations and other programming scripts on HPC and GPU clusters using IBM LSF and Linux
- Served as co-author for two articles in Macromolecular Theory and Simulations (08/14/2014) and Soft Matter (08/18/2015), and won several poster presentations in the Research Triangle area

REU Intern, Harvard - Institute for Applied Computation Science

June – Aug 2015

Provides a rigorous academic experience, research opportunities and access to the latest data science and computational science methodologies and tools.

- Conducted data analysis of geo-coded Tweets, 911, and 311 datasets from the time of the Boston Marathon Bombings
- Developed a Python module for plotting geo-coded data over maps of the greater Boston area
- Experimented with Twitter sentiment analysis using a variety of classifiers from Python's scikit-learn
- Won "Most Creative" with a team of friends at an HP Hackathon using Flask, OpenCV, and HP ML APIs

Projects

Ethernetes

Fall 2020 - Present

- A homemade GPU cluster for Ethereum mining, deep learning, and simulations managed via Kubernetes

Proxy (video game)

Spring 2015 - Fall 2016

- A 2D puzzle platformer designed and programmed using Unity and C# scripting
- Featured moving platforms, lasers, parallax scrolling, particle effects, time trial mode and online leaderboards

Implementing the Multiple Hypothesis Tracking (MHT) Algorithm for Multi-Target Tracking

Spring 2016

- Senior Design Project for the Laboratory of Analytical Sciences (LAS)
- Worked on a team of four students, developing a generalized MHT implementation in Java that could be easily extended for experimenting with different optimizations
- Used MHT implementation to identify and visualize probable entities in positional player data collected from MOBA gameplay

Open Source Contributions

Skills

- **Programming:** Golang, Java, Python, Bash, Typescript
- **Frameworks:** Operator SDK, Spring Boot, Flask
- **Provisioning:** Helm, Ansible, Terraform, AWS CloudFormation
- **Packaging:** Docker, Maven, make, Packer
- **CI/CD:** GitHub Actions, ArgoCD, Jenkins on OpenShift
- **Cloud:** OpenShift / Kubernetes, AWS EC2, oVirt
- **Observability:** DataDog, Kibana, Prometheus
- **Data Stores:** OpenLDAP, MariaDB, Kafka, Redis, Elasticsearch, etcd
- **Operating Systems:** CentOS, Ubuntu
- **Load Balancing:** HAProxy, F5, AWS ELBv2

Education

North Carolina State University, BS Computer Science

Aug 2013 – Dec 2016

- **GPA:** 4.0
- **Minor:** Materials Science