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Career

· Limejump Ltd London, UK

Full Stack Developer

Jun 2019 - present

- Working on 10+ projects across the company, as part of the trading and operations team.
- Leading and mentoring the team on migrating from ECS + Salt stack to Kubernetes, including running interactive workshops and demos.
- Working multiple incident on-call rotas, getting exposure to the entire company's tech systems and fixing a wide array of issues.
- Maintaining Django and AngularJS projects, as well as building features for new Golang & Flask microservices.
- Introduced new dev tools to the org: Kiali for monitoring service traffic and Jaeger for tracing requests from start to finish.
- Added stronger integration testing for the trading platform by creating Kubernetes clusters and testing on them as part of the deployment pipeline.

· State Street London, UK

Microservices Framework Engineer

Jul 2018 — May 2019

- Part of core engineering work to provide Kubernetes-as-a-service, to eventually be rolled out across the business
- Contributing to high level design of a highly-available, resilient platform as well as implementation details
- Rolled out and maintained developer tools (Concourse CI and Artifactory) for internal users
- Working amongst constraints of corporate and industry regulations to provide a secure, compliant framework for developers

· Interrodata London, UK

Frontend Development (Contractor)

Aug 2017 - Sep 2017

- Worked to integrate separate API backend (written in Python) with frontend app (written in React)
- Set up automated build pipeline, including testing and code linting/formatting
- Built new features for the frontend, including a sophisticated autocomplete system.

· Pip App London, UK

Backend Developer Intern (Contractor)

Jun 2017 - Jul 2017

- Setup cloud data store (Firebase) and built admin interface/sync tool using Node.JS
- Worked on integrating data into app, built on the React Native platform

· Netcraft Bath, UK

Internet Services Developer (Internship)

Jun 2016 — Sep 2016

- Maintained production servers and supported devops work, as well as working as the primary on-call systems admin at times.
- Develop new features for the company's systems including package version archiving and input validation for the fraud detection systems.
- Helped to set up clients on the internal systems and write config files for them.

Education

University College London
BSc Computer Science

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Sep 2015 - Jul 2018

Technical Skills

Languages: Working experience: Go, Python, Javascript & Typescript, YAML

Intermediate: C

Web Technologies: Experience with popular web technologies such as Node.JS, React, and Django. Maintained Angular and Flask codebases.

Data and networking: Experience using database systems (PostgreSQL), web server software (Nginx, Apache, Istio), UNIX shells and continuous integration systems (Concourse, Jenkins, CircleCl, GitHub Actions). Limited knowledge of Kafka.

DevOps: Experience building, running and maintaining Kubernetes services and cloud services, using provisioning tools like Ansible, Terraform and Salt, and using monitoring tools like Prometheus, Grafana and distributed tracing systems.

Projects

More projects (plus source code) is available at https://mbell.me/projects.

Healthcheck-Controller: A Kubernetes controller to monitor service health (rather than pod health).
Haul: A service for storing notes, thoughts, and other free-form information. Built with Ruby on Rails.
UCL Assistant: An app to improve student life at university, using the UCL API to fetch timetables and study space availability.