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EDUCATION

UT - AUSTIN

MEng in Software Engineering
May 2019 | Austin, TX

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BS in Chemical Engineering
December 2014 | Austin, TX

OSS CONTRIBUTIONS

cPython (IPv6 fix)
Kubernetes (docs)
Ansible (bug fixes)

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

Kotlin • Python • Go
TypeScript • Bash • SQL

TECHNOLOGIES

AWS • GCP • Kubernetes
Docker • Kafka • Spark
PostgreSQL • LLM Evals

RABBIT HOLES

Node.js DNS: not actually async,
\$20k/mo to prove it

ORGANIZATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Founder, Texans for a Better Tomorrow
Tomorrow, Featured on The Colbert
Report
Presenter, The Product School
Presenter, Process Science and
Technology Center Conference

EXPERIENCE

CLARIFY | Founding Engineering Manager

Feb 2025 - Current | Seattle, WA

- Implemented initial LLM monitoring and eval tooling which decreased Type I errors by 50%
- Built analytics product from 0 to 1, unblocking \$10M of pipeline
- Currently leading team of 4 engineers during period of 100% QoQ user growth

DETAIL | Founding Engineer

April 2024 - Feb 2025 | San Francisco, CA

- Worked closely with design partners such as Vanta, Semgrep and Clear to build agentic code gen platform
- Built agent observability and eval platform enabling fast iteration on agent pipeline

HEAP | Sr. SWE/Engineering Manager

Aug 2019 - April 2024 | Seattle, WA

- Led major privacy initiative which involved refactoring large parts of 250k event/sec data pipeline
- Led two teams involved in re-build of 4 PB data platform
- Led reliability practice
- Grew team from 3 to 9 engineers and promoted 3 engineers to senior/staff roles

CRATEJOY | Sr. Software/Site Reliability Engineer II

Feb 2018 - Aug 2019 | Austin, TX

- Led project to make every PR available as a preview environment using Kubernetes and Helm, reducing time-to-merge
- Delivered major new sales channel for the business by partnering with Shopify

UNIZIN | SRE / Platform SWE

Aug 2016 - Feb 2018 | Austin, TX

- Led data platform project integrating student data across 20 major universities, delivered in one quarter

RECENT PERSONAL PROJECTS

AGENT FARMER | July 2025 - Sep 2025

- TUI for managing multiple claude code / codex agents concurrently
- Written in Go