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SUMMARY

I am an Engineer through and through - I solve practical problems. I get things done, ship amazing software, and create a superb user experience. Unit tests, end to end testing, and test driven development are my go-to tools for crafting solid products. This isn't just a day job to me, it's a passion.

EXPERIENCE POINTS

Co-Founder   Common Room

January 2020 — August 2020

Brought together an engineering team to build an alpha product, setting the cultural and technical vision for the company.

- Create React Native & React Native Web frontend for the alpha product.
- Build NodeJS backend APIs and infrastructure to support rapid product iteration.

Senior Engineering Manager   Venmo

October 2018 — December 2019

Organized the Platform as a Service team - developing the mission, vision, capabilities, and roadmap to encourage a high performing team with a strong sense of ownership.

- Provide technical leadership to bring reliability from 90% to 99.999%, improving the experience for over 40 million users.
- Develop cross-functional initiatives to improve data flow between products to encourage a migration towards distributed architecture.

Co-Founder   Forkbombus Labs

November 2015 — September 2018

Understanding the human element behind threats to manage the risks they pose.

- Built product platform using Node, Kafka, Tensorflow, Postgres, and ElasticSearch.
- Design and implement user experience and workflows of the flagship product.

Senior Engineering Manager   Wayfair

February 2014 — February 2017

Lead a diverse team of engineers to develop services for scalable, customizable, and personalized interactions with customers.

- Architect a cross-team platform that generates over 18% of company revenue by enabling open communication with millions of active customers.
- Use Kafka, Storm, and HBase to apply user defined rules to billions of events per day.

Experience points truncated for optimal viewing. More available upon request.

TOOLS I USE

Java
Spring, Hibernate, Dropwizard, Storm, Spark

PHP
Laravel, Symfony

SQL
MySQL, T-SQL, PostgreSQL, CockroachDB

Cobol
COBOL-85

Pascal
Delphi

Python
Django, AsyncIO, Twisted, Pandas, Flask, Keras, Tornado, Celery, Heron

Infrastructure
Linux, Terraform, Pulumi, Kubernetes, Docker, Helm, Puppet, Chef, AWS, Cloudformation

Javascript
Typescript, ES.Next, nodeJS, Webpack, Koa, Express, Tensorflow.js, React, Expo, React Native

NoSQL
HBase, MongoDB, DynamoDB, Redis, DynamoDB, Cassandra

CSS
CSS3, SASS, LESS

Perl
Mojolicious, CGI

C++
Boost

C
C11, C99, CMake