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Computer and Programming Experience

- o Experience designing application-specific microcontroller boards
- o Comfortable writing and debugging Linux USB drivers and embedded firmware
- o Production of user-mode and kernel-mode drivers for both Linux and my hobby OS
- Fluency in low-level programming with Assembly, C, C++, and
- o Creation of small Linux environments for specialized purposes, such as driver testing and net booting for installs
- o Database performance optimization with PostgreSQL
- o Usage of Common Lisp, Perl, Python, PHP for rapid development
- o Troubleshooting software issues using tracing and monitoring
- o Creation of distributable desktop programs using C#, Java
- o Development of web applications using JavaScript, jQuery, and CherryPy
- o Programming user interfaces using GTK+, CLIM
- o Experience with version control using CVS, SVN, Bazaar, Mercurial, and Git
- Proficiency in programming and administrating Linux/POSIX and .NET CLR environments
- Construction of build systems using Make and GNU LD scripts

Employment Experience

2010-2011 Site Reliability Engineer, Google, Inc., Mountain View, CA.

Worked with a team of eight people to run a low-latency, highly available planet-scale storage system for petabytes of data. Debugged production issues including fiber cuts, misbehaving clients, heavy resource contention, and hardware failure. Participated in weekly on-call rotation, with an SLA requiring a five-minute response time. Helped internal clients get started using our service. Led project to automate deployment of new versions of our service across dozens of clusters; reduced SRE time spent on weekly pushes by 90%. Supported Cellbots project in 20% time. Assisted with design of the "IOIO" I/O board for Android.

2009-2010 Co-founder, Flippity.com, Los Angeles, CA.

> Wrote and optimized backend for Craigslist and eBay search site using Python and PostgreSQL. Wrote core of distributed scraping tool using a Java applet with a Python server component. Implemented the use of Gerrit for code reviews.

2009 System Administrator, Law Firm of Moreno, Becerra, and Casillas, Los Angeles, CA.

Maintenance and operation of a network of two Windows servers serving twenty Windows clients as sole systems administrator, with responsibility for all network services, including Exchange and Active Directory. Resolved various systems issues such as Android clients being unable to fetch email; implemented Postini email filtering.

2008 Systems Administration Intern, Google, Inc., Santa Monica, CA. Debugged workaround in kernel for NFS group count limitation using KDB. Helped develop on-disk format for the TUX3 fourth- generation Linux file system. Suggested and investigated switching to GIT for internal versioncontrol. Debugged Kerberos/LDAP integration on Google's corporate WAN.

2007-2008 Laboratory Assistant III, Network Research Lab, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, Network Research Laboratory.

> Wrote kernel-mode drivers for specialized video coding hardware on a custom ST40-based board running embedded Linux for an industry-funded project seeking to develop a peer-to-peer streaming video system similar to BitTorrent.

2006-2007 Intern, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Space & Technology Sector, Los Angeles, CA.

> Worked on design and implementation of a reliability calculation software package for internal use. Wrote tool to allow remote dialing of Cisco VOIP telephones from Microsoft Outlook 2003. Compared derating and Digital IC/Hybrid part specifications.

Personal Projects

2010-Present Co-developer of GoodFET.

Implemented Atmel AVR target support. Added support for certain subfamilies of Microchip PIC24F chips. Designed and evaluated new board design based on TI Stellaris LM3S3739 microprocessor. Designed new board variant based on TI MSP430F5510 microcontroller; reduced cost by 50% and component count by 10%.

2007-2010 System Administrator for UCLA Linux Users' Group.

> Administered two servers for the UCLA LUG, with responsibility for email, web, shell, network authentication, server configuration, and administration procedures. Implemented Kerberos authentication. Initiated documentation of system design and operating procedures.

Fall 2008 Tutorials for UCLA CS152B – Digital Logic Design Lab.

> Created a pair of tutorials for developing hardware systems on the Digilent XUPV2P Virtex 2 Pro evaluation board, covering interfacing custom hardware with the built-in PowerPC 405 processor cores and interfacing with the onboard AC'97 audio codec. These tutorials are currently used by the UCLA Computer Science Department as course instruction materials.

Fall 2008 Postscript extensions for programming use.

> Used PostScript reflection to add several higher-order functions to the language, including function currying, composition, Factor-style cleave, keep, and bi operators. Also developed sample unit testing framework. Presented demo as a technical talk to the Southern California Functional Programmers group in November, 2008.

2006–2007 Xenon OS – An Original X86 Protected-Mode Kernel.

Developed a partial protected-mode kernel that handles basic memory management, keyboard, basic disk, and PCI bus access, and supports both Cirrus Logic CL-5446 and VMware built-in framebuffer devices to display high-resolution text and graphics. Makes limited use of APM.

Miscellaneous Hacks and Small-Scale Projects

- Monad tutorial for OCaml
- o libusb-1.0 bindings for Go
- Testing framework for Prolog
- o MSP430 BSLv2 client in Go
- fragmentation
- o Tool for plotting filesystem o EWMH strut support for xbattbar
- o Generic constraint-satisfaction problem solver using C and Python with pluggable search strategies in Haskell

Project Team Experience

2005-2006 Terra Engineering, Autonomous vehicle designed and built for the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge.

> Wrote code to parse the DARPA-provided "Route Definition Data File." Worked on obstacle tracking and mapping module and Athena sensor support. Developed various stereo vision algorithms. Fixed LIDAR issues, including incorrect documentation and driver bugs. Rewrote monitor to use GTK+ toolkit, improving flexibility. Wrote a variety of system monitoring/management and data processing scripts.

Winter 2005

Project Grant Proposal, Research Proposal for Microsoft's External Research Digital Inclusion Program.

Researched feasibility and prior art for the design and implementation of a small IDE on the Pocket PC platform for submission with Dr. Massoud Ghyam.

2002-2003 Palos Verdes Road Warriors, Autonomous vehicle modified from SUV for 2003 DARPA Grand Challenge.

> Worked with a software tool called "RVCad" to find optimal parameters and filters for preprocessing an image for input to a road-finding algorithm. Wrote test code to get the vehicle control actuators to work; this test code became a simple closed-loop speed control system. Also wrote init scripts to automatically start the custom servers. Debugged LIDAR and GPS systems.

Education

2006–2009 University of California, Los Angeles, B.S. in EE and CS (un-

finished), Los Angeles, CA, Completed 143 units toward Bachelor of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Coursework included:

Computer Science 111 Operating System Principles

Computer Science 131 Programming Languages

Computer Science 132 Compilers

Computer Science 151 Computer Architecture
Computer Science 152B Advanced Logic Design Lab

Computer Science 180 Algorithms

Computer Science 181 Formal Languages and Automata Theory

Math 113 Combinatorics

Math 199 Variable Topics, Algorithms

2005–2006 **Stanford EPGY**, Distance education offered by Stanford University

for college credit.

Linear Algebra

o Ordinary Differential Equations

2003–2006 El Camino College.

Math/engineering coursework included:

Computer Science 1 Problem Solving and Program Design in C++

Computer Science 2 Data Structures

Math 210 Discrete Structures

Math 220 Multi-Variable Calculus

2002–2006 Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, High School Diploma.