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#### TOOLING EXPERIENCE

- Git, GitHub, GitHub Projects, Jira;
- GitHub Actions, Jenkins, AWS Lambda;
- AWS Evidently, AWS CloudWatch, Splunk;
- Selenium WebDriver, WebDriver.io, Cypress;
- Python, Java, Ruby, PHP, Javascript, Typescript;
- PostgreSQL, MvSQL, SQLite.

#### TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

- Integration & automation development;
- Agile software development methodology;
- Technical roadmapping with phased release;
- Establishing technical and process norms;
- Delivery focused team leadership;
- High trust, growth-based people management.

# Work History

#### Nava Public Benefit Corporation

Senior Engineering Manager

November 2022 - Present

January 2024 - Present

- NJ UI Payments Technical Lead
  - Worked closely with other scrum and contract leads to define and prioritize well-understood Payments functionality
  - Met with stakeholders and other project-internal resources to investigate user requirements and technical limitations
  - Maintained an accurate roadmap of small, rapid deliverables to improve velocity and trust with stakeholders
  - Established a well-defined Responsible Engineer practice to create growth opportunities for the team and limit silos
  - Advocated for standardization and optimization of some contract-wide practices to reduce overhead during growth
  - Mentored tech leads of other scrum teams to help with stakeholder management, cross-disciplinary collab, and velocity
  - Managed up to 10 ICs and managers concurrently; 360 reviews, PIPs, and successful promotion nomination
  - Brainstormed with Nava Research and Development about generative AI use cases in legacy modernization projects

### NJ UI - Data & Integrations, Emerging Teams Technical Lead

NJ UI – Dynamic Claimant Homepage Technical Lead

October 2023 - December 2023

- Took over a team of diverse specialists operating independently without consistent engineering or product leadership
- Unified several disjoint initiatives into a cohesive end of year goal to demonstrate value to skeptical clients
- Delivered a month early & established Nava as the only vendor to Prod-launch NJ UI mainframe replacement services
- Advocated for the move to feature-based scrum teams with project-level Guilds of subject matter experts to support growth
- Accumulated engineers from other teams as initiatives wound down in preparation for a project-wide reorganization
- Onboarded this team of more than 20 engineers and nearly 30 total staff to the broader mainframe replacement effort
- Led tooling access and cohesive norming for the entire megateam to carry standards forward into their 2024 scrum teams
- Prepared 2024 Q1 roadmaps for all three scrum teams while leads for those teams were still being transitioned or hired Contributed to staffing planning across teams, supported Nava interviewing efforts, and was a top referrer in 2023

April 2023 - October 2023

- Kickstarted a new scrum team to inherit formerly backlogged product scope, enabling expedited project delivery
- Worked with leads and ICs to establish team norms around development process and technical best practices
- Set firm expectations for high communication, collaboration first, and zero tolerance for scope creep
- Proposed architectural and phased release strategies to accommodate external pivots and release limitations
- Launched the team's key deliverable on time with all committed scope despite ongoing staffing and timeline changes
- Contributed to the code, documentation, and testing of the CMS MPSM MCADS bid challenge

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November 2022 - March 2023

- Managed up to four direct reports ranging from SWE3 to SWE6, including 360 performance reviews
- Rapidly onboarded to a hybrid Ruby on Rails and NextJS codebase with a complex frontend workflow engine
- Developed a lightweight in-house solution to A/B testing and feature flagging allowing for phased release

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Software Engineer

October 2020 - September 2022

- Collaborated on the design, documentation, communication, and rollout of org-wide software development process changes to improve product stability during concurrent dev and research initiatives after a major growth event
- Performed in-depth investigations of a data pipeline spanning Twilio rooms, Postgres databases, and Amazon S3 buckets using internal and external APIs, custom python tools, log analysis via DataDog, and direct inspection via SQL
- Implemented a proof-of-concept React application for visualizing highly dimensional data to better assess gaps in test coverage across a complex matrix of devices, platforms, and browsers for multi-participant video calls
- Established standards for ticket-level testing, provided training on those standards to development teams

### EARLY CAREER

#### **Left Coast Financial Solutions**

Chief Technology Officer

June 2019 - March 2020

(Note: I continued to consult on business & technical initiatives March 2020 - March 2022 with approval from Streem COI staff)

- Managed contract technologists on devops, full stack development, IT infrastructure, and brand identity projects
- Continuously identified milestones for internal & customer-facing technology roadmaps; contributed to their completion
- Established Jira-based task tracking for all teams, including non-technical BSA Compliance and Account Services groups
- Tested and troubleshot AWS Lambda functions integrated with Jira and open-source banking software Cyclos
- Defined, refined, documented, and integrated best practices for software development and customer PII protection

January 2016 - June 2019 Cylance, Inc.

(Note: Acquired by BlackBerry Corporation in February 2019; continued as the BlackBerry Cylance Business Unit thereafter.)

Senior Security Orchestration & Automation (SOAR) Engineer

March 2018 - June 2019

- Developed custom integrations and scripts for tools which Demisto did not yet fully or satisfactorily support
- Designed and constructed scheduled jobs to fully automate and report on various regular housekeeping tasks
- Defined and implemented process for security automation requests, tracking, and prioritization
- Completed Cylance Management Essentials Certification training coursework

End-to-End Product Quality Lead

April 2017 - February 2018

- Guided development process, established test standards for greenfield project through productization, rearchitecture
- Owned end-to-end quality upon integration into product ecosystem through test design, execution, reporting, response
- Performed cross-product full stack investigations to determine root cause of defects in forensic endpoint data integrity
- Organized patch releases while preparing test infrastructure for a complete architectural shift in the next major version
- Provided tailored training on both architectures for varied audiences including tier 1 support, data science

Senior Quality & Test Automation Engineer

January 2016 - March 2017

- Contributed to python automation framework for generating and verifying forensic data throughout the data pipeline
- Participated in configuration, maintenance, and improvement of automated test pipeline Jenkins jobs
- Led team through feature release to improve feature coverage, platform/compatibility coverage, automation stability

#### Marin Software

## Software Quality Engineer

February 2015 - December 2015

- Maintained and expanded an existing Java Selenium automation framework in response to new features
- Redesigned regression tests in anticipation of a new OLAP pipeline leveraging Presto atop HBase and Solr
- Ensured health of traditional and near-realtime Solr operations and RESTful APIs in two distinct pipelines
- Implemented python scripts to consolidate performance data from component logs in lieu of Kibana support

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science Computer Science

Portland State University

Specialty: Programming Language Design & Applications

September 2011 - August 2015

Guest instructor

Specialty: Intelligent & Adaptive Systems (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)

Bachelor of Science (Dual Degree)

University of Washington - Tacoma

Computing & Software Systems

September 2008 - March 2011

Computer Engineering & Systems

Minor: Mathematics

Computer science and electrical engineering lab tutor, 2008 - 2010

Associate of Arts & Sciences

Tacoma Community College

Course Focus: Computer & Electrical Engineering

September 2006 - June 2008

First place web site in regional ASME technical writing expository website competition, 2007