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About

Jim has a passion for creating flow, creativity, and fun in all domains of life. In technology, this manifests as being a champion of automation and manifesting workflows as code. In people, this manifests as listening with kindness, and gentle encouragement towards individual accomplishment.

Profiles

Twitter

jim80net

Work

Credit Suisse Labs

September 2017 - Present

Member of the Technical Staff

https://credit-suisse.com

Credit Suisse Labs leverages new tools and new ways of working to build new businesses or refresh old ones in a way that benefits both Credit Suisse as well as society as a whole. I have the pleasure of working with world-class scientists and engineers leveraging bleeding edge technology.

Highlights

- Created CI/CD system leveraging GCP services like Google Cloud Builder, Google Container Repository,
 Helm, and Keel
- Implemented BeyondCorp practices to secure Labs operating infrastructure.

Pivotal Software

December 2014 — September 2017

Cloud Operations Product Manager / Team Anchor

https://pivotal.io

I was responsible for Cloud Operations in roles as Product Manager and Team Anchor. I loved operating at the bleeding edge of Cloud Native platforms, and I particularly loved the dynamic of Pair Operating. The team had a breadth of skills and backgrounds, and being able to spend much time with everyone was immensely satisfying. Every day was an adventure in learning and teaching.

Highlights

- Launched Rackspace Managed Pivotal Cloud Foundry
- Created fully-automated (from product release to production) deployment patterns for PCF customers
- Created reference monitoring guidelines and templates for Cloud Foundry

Wildbit, LLC

Systems Engineer https://wildbit.com

Working with Wildbit was an interesting experience, and the company culture is great. But this was where I learned that working from home was too isolating for me. I learned that I enjoy bringing other people along on journeys with me, and sought that out in my next career move.

Highlights

Implemented chef-based configuration management for linux and OmniOS servers

SportsPhotos.com

Jun 2013 - March 2014

CTO http://sportsphotos.com/

For a short while, I supported my friend's company, sportsphotos.com, during the evenings. We had both moved to Kansas City because Google Fiber had come to town. We spent some late weekend nights building ZFS file servers and deployment pipelines for sportsphotos.com.

Highlights

- ZFS filers are fun!
- SmartOS containers and KVM containers were a fresh take

Adknowledge, Inc.

August 2012 - March 2014

Senior Linux Administrator

http://adknowledge.com/

The best part, and the hardest part, about working with Adknowledge was the performance requirements of the product required hardware assets. This was where I most developed the skill to design tools that were resilient to I/O failure and could manage thousands of nodes.

Highlights

Implemented puppet-based configuration management for SuSE Linux servers

IC Solutions

July 2011 - August 2012

Senior Systems Administrator

https://www.icsolutions.com/

ICSolutions was where I developed my passion for configuration management tooling. Given a broad array of customer sites, I wrote tooling to configure linux servers and Juniper networking equipment.

Highlights

- Implemented puppet-based configuration management for RHEL Linux servers
- Configuration of JunOS/ScreenOS network devices

Peer 1 Hosting

August 2008 — July 2011

IT Administrator

https://www.cogecopeer1.com/

At PEER 1, I encountered a daily barrage of break-fix scenarios, from failed hard drives, to misconfigured apache servers, to troubleshooting performance problems. Working in hosting pushed me enabled me to become intimately familiar with networking, linux systems, as well as the occasional Windows server. I quickly learned of the value of proper HA configurations and Business Continuity Planning. My ability to remain calm under pressure and customer service focus was a boon both for myself and the customers I interacted with.

Highlights

- Implemented LANDesk ITSM suite
- Daily breakfix of Linux and Windows servers.
- PXE service administration

Mt San Antonio College

December 2007 - August 2008

Student Assistant V https://www.mtsac.edu/

While attending computer networking courses, I was a student assistant and configured lab workstations. This was where I learned about virtual machines on my shiny XPS laptop. I setup the laptop with PXE and Symantec Ghost so that I could avoid walking around with OS disks.

Highlights

- Created Symantec Ghost services
- Administered Windows Active Directory
- Created MSI packages

United States Marine Corps

June 2001 - December 2007

Sergeant - 2847 Ground Electronics Telecommunications and Information Technology Systems https://usmc.mil Maintainer

My primary role in the Marine Corps was as a Ground Electronics Telecommunications and Information Technology Systems Maintainer. This meant that for my day job, I repaired broken telecom and IT equipment. The focus was primarily on hardware, and included intermediate level repair of workstations, servers, printers, artillery fire controllers, fiber optic cables, multi-pin copper connectors, telephones, and switchboards. One highlight in this domain came from my taking the initiative to optimize the bench stock of repair parts during support operations in OIF. Given exceptionally long lead times for repair parts delivery, I used MS Access (my first awkward foray into databases) to analyze and pre-order repair parts to enable rapid turnaround of repairs. In a completely different domain, I was also a military policeman aboard Camp Pendleton, and a sub-standard Korean translator that served in two Foal Eagle exercises. =)

Highlights

- Responsible for communications equipment repair in support of OIF. Received commendation for reducing MTTR by building cache inventory of repair parts using MS Access. I enabled a two man team to turnaround 1000 repair orders in 7 months despite repair part lead times in excess of 6 weeks. The Access database was terrible.
- Riding a CH-47 is fun.

Volunteer

Social Mobility Pathways

November 2018 - Present

Founder

Social Mobility Pathways matches mentors with junior professionals and students. Mentors receive leadership training, and mentees are connected with caring and compassionate guidance.

Toastmasters International

June 2018 - Present

Area Director

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that operates clubs for the purpose of promoting communication, public speaking, and leadership skills.

Languages

English

Native speaker

Korean

Conversational

Interests

Engines

- Motorcycles
- Sports Cars
- Pickup Trucks
- Container Orchestration Engines
- I like trains.

Self Development

- Communication skills
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Generosity
- Not being overly serious