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Radar Labs

Brooklyn, NY (2019 - now)

Staff Engineer

Drove infrastructure and platform initiatives at Radar. Some examples include:

- Scaling Radar to 60k+ QPS loads with operational simplicity
- Re-architecting cloud infrastructure strategies, in some cases saving over $30k a month
- Building systems that ingest and deduplicate over 30M POIs from various sources in 20 minutes

Set the direction for engineering culture including tech specs, blog posts, and open-source.

Northspring Technologies

Toronto, ON (2018 - 2019)

Co-founder

Built a profitable, indie software company. Wore many hats doing sales, marketing, designing and coding. Front-paged on the Shopify app store twice. Acquihired by Radar.

SoundCloud

Berlin, DE (2017 - 2018)

Technical Product Manager - Data Infrastructure

Lead initiatives to improve SoundCloud's processes around producing and consuming data securely and efficiently at PB scale across the organization. Evaluated build or buy for various infrastructure.

Senior Engineer
Worked on various features ranging from web frontend, server features and batch processing to new infrastructure for various feature teams. Mentored junior engineers and interns.

Foursquare

New York, NY (2013 - 2016)

Tech Lead / Senior Engineer

Worked on the Foursquare backend including lists, venue search, geocoding, Android & web frontend, and various data pipelines. Served as a tech lead, guiding engineers on best practices, production direction, and providing a technical opinion for product managers.