Joel Gallant

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Technology professional leading high-performing teams and delivering innovative technology solutions at scale.

EXPERIENCE

VP, Development

May 2020 - Present

Swarmio Media

Halifax, NS

- Lead platform technical design and delivery strategy across multiple applications and regions
- Create and evolve development & delivery processes for continuous improvement, efficiency, and velocity
- Performance and resource optimization in container-based cloud-agnostic Kubernetes deployments: scaled from hundreds to millions of supported users
- # Technical stewardship during high-growth phase from core team (<10) to global entity (>60 worldwide)
- Direct teams across technology stacks and business units to deploy solutions for major telecommunications providers including: Ooredoo Tunisia, Globe (Philippines), and Etisalat UAE
- Q Investigate and evaluate potential integration partners and acquisition targets for viability and compatibility (technical and strategic)
- **Collaborate** with key stakeholders in high-level planning sessions to foster strong communication and alignment on business priorities
- Foster a culture of innovation, individual and collective accountability, and open communication to encourage professional growth among team members

Software Development Manager

September 2018 - May 2020

Swarmio Media Halifax, NS

- Evolved legacy platform components to meet emerging business and technical demands
- Lead design and transition to cloud-native microservice platform architecture and declarative delivery pipelines
- Built and lead development team to deliver innovative end-to-end platform solutions for the global Esports industry
- Implemented agile processes and tools; granting visibility and consistency to development cycles

Technical Director

March 2012 - September 2018

Charlottetown, PE

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- Contagious Gaming Inc
- Technical design & execution of video games and supporting services for clients including: Zynga, A&E, National Geographic, Williams Interactive, and Kaplan K12
- Led evolution of in-house regulated sportsbook platform to support mobile devices and cloud hosting
- X Lead R&D of prototype software and hardware integrations for iOS, Android, Nintendo Wii, and Microsoft Kinect

Game Developer

Telos Entertainment

March 2009 - March 2012

Technical design & development of internal and contract game titles

- Unity/C#: Desktop/Mobile/Web/SDK
- Objective-C/Java: Native extensions for iOS & Android
- Javascript/TypeScript/AS3: Web/Mobile
- Java/Ruby/Node.js: Backend Services

EDUCATION

University of Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown, PE

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Co-operative Education Program

2005-2010

Bluefield High

PE

High School Diploma, graduated with honors & bilingual certificate

2001-2004

Swarmio Hive | Web/PWA: React, GraphQL, Scala, Play, MongoDB, Docker, Kubernetes

Gaming engagement platform for players, publishers, and telecommunications providers

- Lead evolution of platform from legacy monolith to React / microservice-based architecture
- Design frontend white-label/co-branding functionality to support multiple clients and regions
- Develop and refine user-facing functionality and responsive UI/UX
- Collaborate with and educate design team on transition to mobile-first components
- P Design & develop API gateway services for frontend **2** backend communication
- Implement new CI/CD processes for developer productivity and cloud-agnostic deployment
- Architect microservice and API-based platform for scalability and flexibility
- Collaborate with business stakeholders (C-Suite & Product Owner) to develop technical strategy and roadmap
- ▲ Kubernetes deployment design, implementation, load testing, and optimization

Contagious Sports Regulated Gaming Platform | Web/PWA: Java, Spring, React, Angular, MySQL

Real-money sports wagering and instant-win gaming for regulated markets

- Migrate legacy web application to modern rendering (React/HTML5) and PWA packaging
- Design and implement cloud-based deployment and scaling strategy
- Collaborate with business stakeholders (C-Suite) to design and implement new features and functionality

Hit it Rich Slots | Unity: iOS, Android

Casual free-to-play casino experience with licensed properties

- Systems design and implementation for pluggable game features and skins
- Implementation and optimization of game features and effects
- Multi-platform device deployment, tuning, and verification
- Development of native extensions for iOS and Android

Big Buck Hunter Experience | Unity: Web, Node.js, MongoDB

Social gaming adaptation of the arcade hunting classic

- Core gameplay & asset streaming management system design
- Mobile device rendering optimization & custom shader programming
- Backend service design and implementation for game data management, leaderboards, and analytics

Ooka Island | *Unity: PC/macOS, Ruby, MongoDB*

Educational game for early childhood literacy development

- Design and development of core application structure and supporting backend systems
- ✓ Integration of custom trained neural networks for phoneme-based voice recognition

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Frameworks: React, Svelte, Django, Phoenix, Wordpress, Node.js, Play, Spring Boot

Languages: TypeScript/JavaScript, HTML/SCSS, C#, Java, Scala, Python, SQL / NoSQL, PHP, *

Environments: macOS, Linux, Windows, AWS, GCP, Serverless

DB: MySQL / Mariadb, MongoDB, Redis, PostgreSQL

Deployments: Docker, Kubernetes, ArgoCD, GitHub/GitLab

Developer Tools: Visual Studio (+Code), IntelliJ IDEA, Xcode, Emacs, (neo)vim, git

Rich Media: Adobe Creative Suite, Davinci Resolve, Blender, Unreal, Unity

Org: Atlassian (Jira, Confluence), MS Office & Project, ELK

Emerging: WebAssembly, WebGPU, Edge, AR/VR

AI/ML: GPT-3/4, Llama2, Stable Diffusion, Langchain, Copilot