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SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Division CTO and Senior Software Engineer with over ten years of experience building cloud-native geospatial solutions across startups, Fortune 500s, and federal agencies. Proven expertise in architecting scalable infrastructures, leading full-stack development, and driving technical strategy for mission-critical systems serving millions of users.

Professional Experience

Health-IT CTO

Oct 2025 — Present

Leidos / Reston, VA (Remote)

Tech Stack: AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Python, TypeScript

- Define and execute the technical vision and strategy for Leidos' Health IT solutions, aligning with business objectives, market trends, and civilian health needs at agencies like SSA, HHS, CMS, and NIH.
- Lead development of innovative, scalable solutions in digital modernization, integrating AI/ML, cloud computing, data analytics, and cybersecurity to enhance interoperability, EHR systems, and cost-efficiency.
- Provide technical leadership in business development, proposal support, and capture efforts, building relationships with stakeholders to secure new opportunities while overseeing architecture, risk mitigation, and compliance with standards like HIPAA and FISMA.

Software Engineer (Expert)

Mar 2025 — September 2025

Social Security Administration / Baltimore, MD (On-site)

Tech Stack: COBOL, AWS, Postgres, Kafka, React

- Architected SSA's Enterprise Ticketing System, integrating IBM TRIRIGA, ServiceNow, and in-house ticketing systems using an AI-driven unified service request system.
- Developed a centralized reporting system aggregating ticket statuses from multiple sources, powering an 'at-a-glance' open tickets dashboard for SSA executives' strategic decision-making.
- Supported other engineers on initiatives including Digital SSN, Death Master File cleanup, and SSN verification API (EDEN 2.0).

Geospatial API Engineer | HazardHub

July 2024 — Mar 2025

Guidewire Software / Remote

Tech Stack: AWS, Terraform, Ruby (Rails), Python, Argo, PostGIS, Kubernetes

- Manage and scale API requests, processing millions of dollars and supporting 80% of US insurance companies, using AWS services like Lambda, EC2, and RDS.
- Process terabytes of data through ETL workflows hosted on K8 clusters, ingesting formats like CSVs, geopackages, and shapefiles, transforming them into low-cost object storage, NoSQL, and SQL databases.
- Own several end-to-end features in a Ruby on Rails monolith, following test-driven development (TDD) and collaborating within an agile team to release code regularly.

Senior Software Engineer

Sept 2023 — July 2024

New Light Technologies (NLT) / Remote

Tech Stack: Vue.js, Terraform, AWS, TypeScript, Python, PostGIS

- Led strategic adoption of a cloud-native AWS tech stack with Terraform for scalable geospatial solutions at New Light Technologies.
- Developed serverless applications for projects including Vietnam's Low Carbon Emissions Planner and US Census Bureau's Government Spending App

Senior Geospatial Developer

Sept 2022 — Sept 2023 (Contract)

University of Maryland / Remote

Tech Stack: AWS, FastAPI, Filecoin, Python, TypeScript, MongoDB

- Led the adoption of decentralized, cloud-native infrastructure at UMD's EASIER Data Initiative, leading a team of four engineers in building geospatial data solutions on blockchain-managed systems like Filecoin and IPFS to support efficient, scalable data storage.

Integration Consultant

May 2021 — Feb 2022

Yellowfin Business Intelligence (Acquired by Idera, Inc) / Remote

Tech Stack: Java, AWS, TypeScript, Postgres

- Expertly designed and implemented innovative data solutions leveraging Yellowfin's REST, SOAP, and JavaScript APIs. Successfully orchestrated a major two-version upgrade for Yellowfin's largest ISV, enhancing system capabilities and performance.
- Addressed and resolved dozens of complex level-three production issues in cloud, on-premise, and hybrid environments, diligently maintaining Yellowfin's uptime and availability within the bounds of our Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

Software Product Engineer

May 2017 — May 2021

Environmental Research Institute (Esri) / Redlands, CA (On-site)

Tech Stack: AWS, JavaScript, Ember.js, Python

- Over four years, I successfully managed numerous ArcGIS Dashboard releases as release manager and scrum master for a nine-engineer team. My role involved ensuring consistent, high-quality releases and effectively coordinating with internal product management, QA, localization, internationalization, and release teams to ensure seamless integration.

Additional Areas of Expertise

Languages: Python, TypeScript, JavaScript, SQL/NoSQL, Shell/Bash

Web Development: Vue, Svelte, Astro, React, Django, Node.js, Tailwind, IPFS, SQLAlchemy

DevOps & Cloud: AWS (CloudFormation, AWS Bedrock, Serverless Architecture), Terraform, GitHub Actions, Docker, Kubernetes, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Cloud Computing, Automation, CI/CD

AI & Machine Learning: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, OpenAI, Large Language Models (LLM), Geospatial Algorithm Development

Geospatial Technologies: Esri, ArcGIS, Mapbox, GDAL, GeoPandas, PostGIS, GeoServer, Dask, Turf.js, Deck.gl, OpenLayers, Leaflet, Visualization Tools & Libraries

Software Engineering & Practices: Test-Driven Development (TDD), Pair Programming, Unit Testing, Agile, Rapid Prototyping, Quality Assurance, Release Coordination, Technical Writing, Cross-Functional Leadership, Technical Mentorship

Database Management & ETL: SQL Performance Tuning, Database Management, Data Warehousing (Star Schema), ETL Pipeline Architecture, Migration & Upgrade Planning

API Development & Security: RESTful APIs, SOAP, JavaScript APIs, Security & Production Issue Resolution, User Authentication & Profile Management

Education

- **Master of Science in Geospatial Intelligence**

George Mason University — 2015-2017 — GPA: 3.93

- **Bachelor of Arts in Geoinformation Science**

University of California, Santa Barbara — 2013-2015 — GPA: 3.85