

# JOHN Y. RODGERS

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Viasat

Software Engineer

San Diego, CA

August 2018 - January 2024

- Improved compliance with rigorous security standards in cross-virtual machine communications by designing and owning a C++ library that managed **OpenSSL**-secured **DTLS** connections.
  - Prioritized developer convenience with robust API, allowing easy setup of encryption, timeout, SSL roles, and peer addresses, abstracting away complexities of the underlying implementation.
  - Enhanced connection stability by integrating multi-threading for heartbeat monitoring, facilitating automatic re-establishment of SSL connections as required for continuous operation.
- Enabled fault diagnosis & system reliability with C++ library that created files detailing recent activity from failed **Docker/Kubernetes** containers, enabling more precise troubleshooting and system insights.
  - Optimized log management using circular buffers for priority-based storage, implemented **multi-threading**, and established **IPC**-based communication to coordinate across multiple containers.
- Significantly reduced application suite build/test times by >3 hours through proposing, planning, and leading an intern project focused on process optimization and efficiency in a containerized build environment.
  - Dramatically reduced the number of files compiled by implementing modern **CMake** practices, resulting in a significant improvement in build efficiency and a more streamlined development workflow.
  - Optimized efficiency by integrating external libraries into **Docker** images, drastically reducing download and build times, while also simplifying the process of configuring and managing different library versions.
- Boosted team velocity by 25% over three-year tenure as a **Scrum Master** for 8-member development team, all while excelling in my primary role as a developer.
  - Successfully drove project outcomes by streamlining project workflows, efficiently managing tasks in **JIRA**, facilitating productive meetings, and fostering collaboration with leaders across various teams.
- Enhanced alerting and monitoring by developing data publishing microservice that streamed critical data from containers leveraging **gRPC** for transmission, **Fluent Bit** for filtering and enrichment, **Kafka** for publication.
- **Deployed**, debugged and administered **Linux-based VMs** using **Jenkins** to develop, test, and deploy **Docker/Kubernetes** containers.
- Mastered complex **regular expressions** for file identification by name and content with tools such as **find**, **ripgrep**, **sed** and **ag**, applied techniques for mass text editing in **Vim** and **Obsidian**.
- Deep intellectual curiosity and passion about learning through **methodical study**, **organized note-taking** using **Zettelkasten** method, systematic reviews using **spaced repetition flashcards**.
- Accelerated code review completions and development quality by revitalizing processes and training, fostering clear communication, faster issue resolution, and increased team knowledge.
- Lowered dependency on individual expertise by initiating peer education program, conducting needs assessments, mobilizing subject matter experts, and creating a comprehensive video knowledge base.

### Viasat

Software Engineer Intern

San Diego, CA

June 2017 - August 2017

- Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team to consolidate multiple hardware testing tools into a single server rack, automating modem testing processes.

### United States Navy

Information Systems Technician

2007 - 2012

- Configured, maintained, and monitored ship-wide **local-area network** including **servers**, **firewalls**, **routers**, and **switches**.
- Obtained **TS/SCI/NSA Security Clearance**, demonstrating a commitment to stringent security protocols and a proven track record of trustworthiness and reliability in handling classified information.

## EDUCATION

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### University of California San Diego

BS in Computer Science