

## Summary

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I'm an experienced cloud engineer with interests in AWS, infrastructure as code, and distributed systems. I care about simplicity, automation, resiliency, and reliability. I enjoy automating processes to increase the efficiency of others.

## Languages and Technologies

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- Languages: Python, HCL, JavaScript/TypeScript, SQL
- Technologies: AWS, Terraform, Docker, k8s, Flask, Postgres, GitHub Actions, Jenkins
- Certifications: AWS Solutions Architect – Associate
- Other: 12-factor app and CI/CD principles, automated testing

## Experience

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### Sabbatical

*Nov 2023 – present*

- Studying for AWS certs while taking care of my children part of the time
- Passed the *AWS Solutions Architect – Associate* exam
- Preparing for the *AWS Solutions Architect – Professional* exam

### Senior DevOps Engineer

**Dexian**

*Feb 2023 – Oct 2023*

- Built a self-service automation platform in Python around GitHub and other tools
  - Replaced basic, buggy logging with structured logging
  - Refactored base http connections to use httpx instead of 3 different libraries
- Increased execution speed by 15-20% of Python built from source in base Docker images used by all Jenkins build agents
- Converted Docker health checks to Kubernetes liveness, readiness, startup probes

### Sabbatical

*Jun 2022 – Feb 2023*

- Took time off to build projects with Python and AWS
- Created project showing how to run the latest versions of Python in AWS Lambda (which wasn't simple at the time)

### Production Engineer

**Very Good Security**

*May 2021 – May 2022*

- Handled production issues with logs, metrics, and transferring multi-GB files with Airflow
- Wrote Python code to increase reliability of large file processing
- Migrated over 30 apps and services from unsupported k8s / EKS versions to latest
- Standardized Helm charts with annotations
- Used Terraform with Terragrunt to manage AWS resources
- Configured logging and metrics with fluentd / fluentbit and Grafana, Prometheus / Cortex
- Updated, tested and deployed over 20 Docker base images
- Closed over 40 open security tickets that had been backlogged for months, modified IAM roles

**Senior SRE**                                      **Lean TECHniques**                                      *Jan 2021 – May 2021*

- Responsible for monitoring and observability across distributed systems that process machine and agronomic data at John Deere ISG
- Set up Grafana and Prometheus metrics for Java / Scala services on Amazon ECS
- Taught 3 other team members how to use Terraform to manage AWS resources

**Sr. Software Engineer**                                      **Lean TECHniques**                                      *Feb 2019 – Dec 2020*

- Worked on a distributed system for John Deere ISG that sends machine alerts and other notifications to dealers and customers worldwide
- Improved the admin UI so dealers could manage multiple machines and techs per customer
- Replaced a bunch of high-maintenance Python / Node.js scripts with Terraform
- Technologies:
  - AWS:                      SQS, SNS, S3, Kinesis, EC2, ECS / Fargate, Lambda, RDS / Aurora, Beanstalk
  - App:                      Postgres, Scala, Java, and Node.js / TypeScript / React
  - Monitoring:            Cloudwatch, ELK stack
  - CI/CD:                   GitHub, Jenkins, Drone.io, Docker, Terraform, CloudFormation, bash and Python

**Sr. Software Engineer**                                      **Granular**                                      *Sep 2016 – Jan 2019*

- Took the initiative to track down all unhandled exceptions in the nitrogen app backend. Triaged, prioritized, and helped fix them, for which I was recognized with an MVP cash award at the July 2018 all-hands meeting
- Built a feature flags SaaS app using Python, Flask, Terraform, Docker, Kubernetes, DynamoDB, and other AWS services. Distributed across multiple AWS regions, used by all Encirca apps
- Maintained and enhanced NSIM, a SaaS distributed system for running nitrogen simulations using AWS EC2 Spot Fleet, Lambda, Step Functions, CloudFormation, S3

**Sr. Software Developer**                                      **DuPont Pioneer**                                      *2012 – 2016*

- Developed tools to manage vast amounts of plant breeding data. Used Angular.js and the NPM toolchain, C#, ASP.Net Web API, and Entity Framework
- Wrote new “fencepost” marker selection algorithm for soybean researchers
- Developed new WPF application for managing soybean Trait Integration projects

**Associate Web Developer**                                      **Polk County Government**                                      *2008 – 2012*

- Full stack web development with C# / .net framework

## Education

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B.A., Central College, Pella, Iowa, *magna cum laude*                                      *2006*  
Major: English; Minor: Philosophy

## Volunteer Experience

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**JUMP** (Johnston Youth Mentoring Program)                                      *2015 – present*

- I spend about an hour a week with a student, playing board games, sports, cooking, etc. The purpose is to be a positive male role model and another caring adult in the student's life, but a little bit more like a friend than an authority figure.