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TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Project Co-Founder, Software Engineer

05/2022 - present

Kuri

Kuri (kuri-dlq.github.io ∂) is an open-source, Dead-Letter Queue-as-a-Service (DLQaaS) for small distributed applications deployed on AWS infrastructure. Kuri automates the deployment of AWS infrastructure and provides a user interface to allow for extended DLQ functionality and observability.

- Designed, configured, and deployed AWS infrastructure to host Kuri functionality using AWS SDK (SQS, SNS, DynamoDB, Lambda, IAM, S3)
- Prototyped an alternative cloud architecture design using AWS CDK
- Built a RESTful API for viewing, deleting, editing, and resending messages from the DLQ back to the main SQS queue (Node.js, Express)
- Developed a user interface dashboard that enables users to manage the critical elements of the service (React. React-Boostrap)
- Contributed to the development of an accompanying CLI utility (CommanderJS, InquirerJS) that automates the deployment of Kuri and published it as an NPM package
- Implemented a notification system that pushes a Slack notification when the DLQ receives a new message
- Collaborated with a remote team of international engineers on the design and development of the Kuri project
- Presented a live tech talk ∂ about Kuri

Full Stack Software Engineer

09/2019 - 04/2022

2012 - 2014

Launch School Experience

Attended a mastery-based education program focused on software engineering fundamentals. Developed opensource software using both the JavaScript and Ruby ecosystems. Some highlighted projects include:

- Request Bucket: an application built to capture and monitor webhooks (Node.js, Express, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, deployed on DigitalOcean Droplet with Nginx and PM2)
- Shopping Cart: a database-backed e-commerce application (Node.is, Express, React, MongoDB)
- Bello: a Trello-like collaboration application (Node.is, Express, React, MongoDB)
- ToDo Tracker: A database-backed todo tracking application (Ruby, Sinatra, PostgreSQL, deployed on Heroku)

SKILLS

Languages and Frameworks (Ruby, JavaScript, Go, SQL, HTML/CSS, React, Express, Sinatra, Handlebars)

Technologies (Git/GitHub, Docker, HTTP, RESTful APIs, Webhooks, Nginx, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, OOP)

Cloud (AWS (SQS, SNS, Lambda, IAM, S3, DynamoDB, CDK, SDK), Digital Ocean (Droplets), Heroku)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Associate 2014 - 2019 University of Pennsylvania Studied the epigenetic regulation of gene expression in mouse embryonic stem cells

• Designed and performed experiments, analyzed data, presented research findings

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Temple University

Instructed and trained students in various Biology courses

EDUCATION

Software Engineering Launch School	2019 – 2022
PhD, Cell and Molecular Biology University of Pennsylvania	2002 – 2007
BS, Biochemistry University of Iceland	1997 – 2000