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WORK EXPERIENCE

ngrok, Inc., Seattle, WA, but mostly Remote

Director of Engineering

July 2021 - Present

Leading the great folks in Engineering.

- ► Built the Engineering organization from 9 to over 30 engineers
- ► Interviewed hundreds of candidates for roles ranging from ICs to VPs across Engineering, Product, Marketing, and People
- ► Manage 4 managers with 4 product teams and 1 infrastructure team
- ► Drive alignment on work across the organization with the monthly and quarterly planning process
- ► Work with Tech Leads to understand teams' needs and blockers
- ▶ Work with Product to guesstimate effort, prioritize, roadmap, and delight customers
- ▶ Work with the People Team to craft values, review talent, and equitably compensate our great people
- ► Work with Customer Success on managing high value customer relationships through planning conversations, technical explanations, and RCAs

Engineering Manager: Dataplane

November 2020 - June 2021

Coached, managed, and grew the Dataplane team. Brought in first versions of a number of processes to improve communication, delivery, and happiness at ngrok: e.g. sprint planning, performance reviews, and cross-team syncs.

Languages and frameworks: Go, AWS, Protobuf, Terraform

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Karat Inc, Seattle, WA

Engineering Leader: Delivery

March 2020 - November 2020

- Coaching, managing, and directing to deliver numbers such as
 - ▶ 20% COGS reduction by finding process bottlenecks and value boosting opportunities
 - ▶ 200 load balanced and performance managed interviewers across dozens of content formats
 - ▶ 10s of thousands of conducted interviews supported by our suite of modern interviewing tools
 - ► Eight happy and successful direct reports
 - ▶ Dozens of technical reviews and specifications with my own dirty engineering hands

Engineering Manager

March 2019 - March 2020

Built a small, mighty team of three with a focus all things data.

- ▶ Worked with a product manager to target customer's needs in yearly and quarterly OKRs, and projects
- ▶ Planned work with reports and executing on more than 70% of quarterly objectives
- ▶ Wrote software for non-blocking projects, including interviewer invoicing, interviewer onboarding enhancements, and data transformations across AWS Lambda and ECS
- ► Grew to six direct reports: software engineers ranging from intern to senior, data analysts, and a data scientist

Tackled thorny problems with a small team.

- ▶ Designed and built a video chat application with Twilio to replace Google Hangouts
- ► Organized subteams with another senior engineer, sprint processes with PMs
- ▶ Built best practices through a blameless postmortem culture, design documents, and healthy code reviews
- ▶ Developed preference and notification systems across client and interviewer user groups
- ► Organized and deployed all infrastructure as code with Terraform across a dozen AWS services with another engineer

Languages and frameworks: Python, Ruby, JavaScript, Rails, PostgreSQL, Metabase, AWS, WebRTC, Twilio, Terraform

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Google, Seattle, WA

Software Engineer III

February 2016 - March 2018

Wrote robust code for a challenging problem space, focusing on fault tolerance and correctness.

- ► Automated monitoring configurations as code, enabling testing and dashboards which reduced the time to create alerts and monitoring for new systems from one week to hours
- ► Led an intern project for scheduled infrastructure deployments accounting for fault tolerance, debugging options, extensibility and open sourcing
- ► Designed and wrote command line utilities for multiple Google Cloud Services
- ► Maintained an early version of the Google Cloud Service Registry

Languages and frameworks: Python, Java, Google Cloud

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Amazon.com, Seattle, WA

Software Development Engineer I and II Warehouse Deals

May 2013 - January 2016

Cut my teeth with an incredible engineering team working in a messy and expensive part of the logistics chain.

- ► Reduced workflow launch time from days to hours by implementing a service for hosting and abstracting Simple Workflow workers
- ► Automated manual processes for communicating financial and inventory updates to vendors with asynchronous and event-driven workflows, saving over 200 man hours per week worldwide
- ► Integrated inventory tracking tools with a business portal, providing real-time analytics to replace monthly reports
- ▶ Led three engineers in localizing fulfillment center software and building translation management tools, reducing time to live by weeks and error rates by 50%
- ► Extended tax and accounting software to support international operations
- ► Enabled continuous deployment of systems through unit and integration tests with tools like Mockito and JUnit
- ▶ Performed technical talks for teams and developed new solutions to automated UI testing, deployment configuration, and monitoring

Languages and frameworks: Java, Spring, AWS

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CentsLess LLC, Tacoma, WA

Co-Lead Engineer

May 2012 - January 2013

- $\,\blacktriangleright\,$ Built Lendingshack.com, a site for peer to peer sharing
- ▶ Learned many lessons about deployments, merging with others, and running a production service

Languages and frameworks: Python, Django, Bootstrap, Heroku

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Mathematics University of Puget Sound, 2013