# Kevin Yeh

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## **EDUCATION**

2012 - 2016 University of Texas at Austin

G.P.A. 3.97 | Major 4.0 | B.S. / M.S. Computer Science | Film Studies Minor

COURSEWORK Autonomous Robots, Robot Learning from Demonstration and Interaction, NLP, Wireless/Sensor Networking, Computer Vision and 3D Reconstruction, Physical Simulation and Animation for Computer Graphics

## WORK EXPERIENCE

#### NAVA PBC | Engineering Lead (Paid Family and Medical Leave, Massachusetts)

1/20 - pr.

- Led infrastructure engineering across three different teams, working with the state of Massachusetts to stand up a new PFML program. Worked with teams to establish groundwork for a new AWS account and environments. Built CI/CD standards for teams using Github Actions, and collaborated with stakeholders across multiple executive offices to design an operational model for the Claimant & Employer Portal and API applications, including release management, monitoring and alerting, security and compliance, and incident response processes.
- Led full-stack Next.js and Flask feature development to digitize the Appeals process, improve leave administration tooling for employers, and drive efficiency improvements for the Contact Center and mailroom.

## NAVA PBC | Tech Lead (Quality Payments Program, Medicare)

3/18 - 12/19

- Co-led a re-architecturing of the program's data analysis pipelines using Spark/Scala as an embedded technical and policy implementation SME on an external contracting team.
- Led migration of application and ad-hoc task infrastructure to ECS Fargate, including CI/CD pipelines, developer tooling, and operational processes.
- Worked closely with stakeholders and external teams to build in-house expertise in modern cloud infrastructure and replicate Fargate patterns across new and pre-existing projects.
- Pushed for maintenance and performance improvements to Jenkins CI/CD and build processes, including containerization of master/workers to simplify plugin & version upgrades and improve worker autoscaling.

## KICKSTARTER | Platform/Payments Engineer (2016), Payments Lead (2017 - Feb 2018)

5/16 - 2/18

Designed and built a low-latency recommendations service on top of Dropwizard & Kinesis. Provided close mentorship for Data team to build a new Latent Semantic Index model and a robust blending/weighting pipeline. Helped support and design tracking and experiments. Collaborated closely with Devops to develop a stable, reliable, and observable microservice infrastructure running on Docker via ECS + CFN and monitored via Telegraf/InfluxDB/Grafana and ELK. Built and open-sourced an InfluxDB Dropwizard metrics integration library. Supported Data team in bootstrapping a followup classifications service for CS tickets and message spam. As part of a two-member team:

- Shared tech lead responsibilities, planning team roadmaps and sprints and leading a push for improvements in clarity and reliability of the payments infrastructure using type contracts, STI-to-MTI migrations with improved data integrity and usability, streamlined transaction and ID verification flows, explicit separations of data/logic concerns and reduced side-effects, improved API consistency and resiliency, and more visibility and accountability for test coverage and style guidelines.
- Led efforts to improve payments support flows for CS+Integrity+Data+Product, improving cross-training, documentation, diagrams, & triage procedures and surfacing better paper trails for transactions, requests, and card authorizations.
- Worked closely with Stripe and Finance to develop Drip's monthly and ad-hoc subscriptions payments infrastructure, building out an observable and financially-accountable infrastructure with an emphasis on clear, common mixins for easy extensibility, clean integration and migratability for legacy infra, and future microservice extraction.
- Supported Japan launch, handling non-decimal currencies and strict JP identity and compliance requirements.
- Supported + led cross-team Rails 4.2 & 5.0 upgrades for our payments and monorails applications.
- Implemented creator watchlist and sanction checks, communicating heavily with third-party vendors and project stakeholders on project status, roadblocks, and product and legal questions regarding kanji translation reliability and support.
- Migrated video pipeline to HD encodings with adaptive streaming support.

MONGODB   Drivers Team - Built the MongoDB Rust 1.0 driver, hosting and presenting at Rust NYC.	5/15-8/15
CEREBRI   Android Developer - Architected the Austin 211 pilot Android app, empowering call centers with IBM Watson	1/15-5/15
by connecting users to social services. Partnered with United Way and seed-funded by IBM.	
GEOTRELLIS   FB Open Academy Developer - Integrated Apache Spark + Cassandra support into a high-performance	1/15-5/15
geospatial data processing engine and fixed issues in the Scala framework library.	
AMAZON   RDS Team - Integrated DynamoDB support into RDS backend; designed and developed the database and	5/14-8/14
framework for non-invasive protection and restoration of deleted RDS instances.	
BLASTRO NETWORKS   Android Developer - Updated API, JSON parsing, bitmap caching, and networking procedures	2/13-1/14
for performance and portability to smartphones, tablets, and connected TV; rebuilt the UI/UX and deprecated code	
structure using Honeycomb / ICS APIs and libraries; developed custom resources, swipeable fragments, and variable-	
width GridViews with headers: implemented synced accounts, playlists, video ads, and FB integration.	

## Personal + Academic Research

HACKTX	As director of innovation, built creative solutions to improve education, diversity, and overall experience for 700+ attendees: infographical outreach (D3, CartoDB), hardware education, open-sourced motorized robots and light-sensitive instruments, 3D printing tutorials, and Slack-integrated mentorship and voting systems.
Nomad	An optical-flow and feature-based tracking system for painting and motion-tweening 2D details into 3D environments (Paperman-style) + perspective mapping modeled structures into non-planar AR environments.
NAO-GRAV	Taught stability actions to humanoid robots using auto-gravity compensation and keyframe-based learning.
PSC	Leveraged deep-linked, cross-domain, bilingual phrase alignments for sentence compression.