JAMES PEARSON

SUMMARY

Web Operations Engineer particularly interested in failure analysis, security, and performance, and, most importantly, the human aspect of each of these. Obsessed with high-quality technical documentation. Prolific open-sourcer with over 150 Github repos and patches accepted into over 40 projects. Author and maintainer of 9 git/Github tools, 11 RubyGems, 8 Python packages.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

iFixit

Purveyor of Fine Linens and Unix Sorcery (Web Operations Lead Engineer) June 2012 – present

Code Frog (DevOps Engineering Intern)

March 2011 - June 2012

Implemented caching system that prevents previously-frequent media-induced downtimes.

Implemented and champion application monitoring, leading to improvements in performance, stability, and user experience.

Wrote alerting system that gives developers direct access to failure reports.

Kickstarted thriving internal high-level documentation project.

Improved startup time of application servers from 15 minutes with 25% failures to <5 minutes with no failures.

XYZ Textbooks

Web Programmer / Sysadmin

June 2008 - March 2011

Designed and developed intranet organizational web tools using Symfony.

Maintained colocated CentOS web server running Cherokee, Apache, Redmine.

Modified open-source online homework systems (WeBWorK, IMathAS) and worked with developers to merge patches upstream.

Cal Poly

Web Developer

Web Developer

July 2008 - November 2008

Summer 2006

Developed new department websites using Django and PostgreSQL.

Maintained legacy PHP+MySQL websites.

Migrated content from legacy websites to new Django-based websites.

Improved customer satisfaction by resolving old bugs and feature requests.

Taft Union High School

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Don't Write Documentation – Write the Docs North America	May 2014
Open Source Licensing – Cal Poly Linux Users Group	March 2011
Git - Version Control Made Awesome - Central Coast Code Camp	May 2010
Revision Control – Cal Poly Linux Users Group	January 2010
How to use the awk command in Linux – Xmodulo	July 2014
Varnish: A Tale of Bravery and Romance – It Broke and iFixit	April 2013
Using Gnuplot for Great Justice! – It Broke and iFixit	October 2012
The Importance of Usability in Regards to Fire Fighting – changedmy.name	January 2012
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EDUCATION

California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, California

B.S of Software Engineering

September 2007 – May 2012

Coursera / John Hopkins

Computing for Data Analysis – 99% with distinction

January 2014 - February 2014

SKILLS / KEYWORDS

Linux: Red Hat family (CentOS), Arch Linux, Debian family (Ubuntu, Debian)

Monitoring/Alerting: Graphite, StatsD, Alertinator, Diamond, pipe-to-graphite, collectd

Scripting: Bash and utils (sed, awk, grep), Python, Ruby

Backend: PHP (Symfony, custom), Python (Django), Ruby (Sinatra), Perl, Java (JSP, JSF)

Frontend: HTML, CSS and Less, Javascript (jQuery, MooTools)

Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite

Web Application servers/proxies: Varnish, Apache, HAProxy, Nginx, Tomcat, Cherokee, uWSGI

Version control systems: Git, Mercurial, Subversion

Misc: Amazon Web Services (EC2, S3, CloudFront), Gearman, beanstalkd