Corey Gale

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EDUCATION

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Engineering, Mechatronics
Apr 2013, completed with co-op

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

• Executive alignment across Product, Finance & business stakeholders
• Org design, scaling & cross-functional operating models
• Headcount planning, talent strategy, recruiting, mentorship & org development
• Platform strategy, cost governance & long-term architecture planning
• Engineering excellence, velocity, reliability & operational maturity
• M&A technical integration & post-acquisition platform consolidation
• Vendor management, negotiation & strategic partnerships
• Multi-Cloud & global infrastructure leadership

TECHNICAL ACUITY

PLATFORM STACK

AWS • GCP • Kubernetes • GitHub Actions • ArgoCD • Terraform • Backstage

DATA STACK

Snowflake • Looker • Databricks • AirFlow • Kafka • Iceberg • Stitch

AI TOOLS

Cursor • Gemini • OpenAI Codex • MCP

COMMUNITY

WEST LA DEVOPS MEETUP

2019 – 2021
• Bi-monthly technical Meetup hosted at GumGum HQ
• We provided industry updates and hosted tech talks from well-known industry experts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Engineering leader working in AdTech with 15+ years of deep technical expertise spanning Software Engineering, DevOps, and Data Engineering. Expert in scaling cloud platforms processing billions of events per hour, driving $10M+ of cost savings, leading orgs of 30+, and integrating technologies across acquisitions. Proven track record of increasing engineering velocity, reliability, and operational efficiency while partnering with C-suite, Finance, and Product.

EXPERIENCE

GUMGUM | Senior Director of Engineering, Cloud & Data

June 2024 – Present | Santa Monica, CA
• Oversaw the DevOps, Data Platform, Analytics Engineering and Business Analytics teams (30+ SWEs and 3 managers in 8 timezones)
• Consolidated data and cloud systems from two acquired companies into a single global team and platform standard
• Massive scale on a budget: billions of events/hour, dozens of TB processed/day and tens of trillions of events stored
• Created a cost-saving process that saved millions through workload redesigns, contract negotiations (>$100M) and spend accountability
• Collaborated with Finance team to form annual cloud budget (8 figures)
• Integrated AI across teams, boosting productivity and reducing overhead
• Expanded GumGum's presence to GCP with minimal unit cost increases

GUMGUM | Director of Engineering, Data & DevOps

Sep 2021 – June 2024 | Santa Monica, CA
• Oversaw the DevOps, Data Engineering and Business Intelligence teams (20+ SWEs and 3 managers)
• Improved scalability and reduced overhead of key business systems through standardization, consolidation and migration to managed services
• Platformized key technologies, enabling feature teams to own their data
• Recruited top-value talent for specialized roles

GUMGUM | Senior Engineering Manager

Jan 2021 – Sep 2021 | Santa Monica, CA
• Oversaw the DevOps, Data Engineering and Business Informatics teams (10 engineers in 5 timezones)
• Directed cross-team initiatives to increase core system scalability, reduce overhead and push towards platform engineering
• Maintained key vendor relationships

GUMGUM | DevOps Manager

Aug 2019 – Jan 2021 | Santa Monica, CA
• Led, mentored and managed a globally-distributed team of 5 talented DevOps engineers who were responsible for building, maintaining and operationalizing dozens of mission-critical systems at GumGum
• Revamped hiring process to analyze a wider range of technical skills earlier in the interview process, resulting in a shorter hiring loop and improved candidate experience

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PERSONAL PROJECTS

SOUND BOX | Embedded & ML
2025
- Interactive Raspberry Pi sound box for toddlers & pre-schoolers
- Uses weather APIs and AI-powered text-to-speech to create an interactive experience with audio playback and LED visuals

IMAGE CLASSIFIER | ML
2018 - 2019
- App that provides live classifications of user-provided image links
- Tech stack: DRF, TensorFlow, Keras, ImageNet, Redis, MySQL, Nginx, VueJS, Kubernetes, Helm

TABB | Backend
2016 – 2018
- Wrote the backend system for an iOS app that keeps track of debts between friends
- Users create Tabbs using our app's convenient wizard

RADI-US | Fullstack
2015 – 2016
- Developed the server and single-page web app for an instant-messaging platform that connected its users in a special geolocalized chatroom

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Recipient of $25k Jumpstart grant from FedDev Ontario (2013)
- Winner of Hamilton Startup Weekend 2013

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR EXPERIENCE

GUMGUM | Senior DevOps Engineer
Aug 2018 – Aug 2019 | Santa Monica, CA
- Scaled and modernized a 1,000+ node, low-latency adtech platform processing 20M+ RPM, introducing foundational AWS, Kubernetes, and Terraform infrastructure patterns
- Drove major platform automation (AMI pipelines, ML inference infra) and promoted the org externally through public speaking engagements

RING/AMAZON | Senior DevOps Engineer
Mar 2018 – Aug 2018 | Santa Monica, CA
- Led Terraform IaC standards and built a zero-downtime deployment controller for a platform supporting 5M+ connected devices
- Guided systems, tooling, and operational processes through integration into Amazon's internal ecosystem

SIXT4/TRIPSTACK | DevOps Engineer
Mar 2017 – Mar 2018 | Toronto, ON
- Built core AWS infrastructure and DevOps practices for the company's primary application, including real-time observability via ELK stack

TOP HAT | DevOps Engineer
Nov 2015 – Mar 2017 | Toronto, ON
- Developed tooling and deployment workflows that improved developer velocity and platform reliability
- Reduced testing costs significantly by migrating test systems to an optimized self-hosted environment

FIRMEX | DevOps Engineer
Dec 2013 – Nov 2015 | Toronto, ON
- Established DevOps foundations for a new secure large file-transfer product
- Proposed and delivered an industry-first feature that directly supported new sales wins

EARLY CAREER EXPERIENCE

QUICKEE | Co-founder
Nov 2012 – Jan 2014 | Hamilton, ON
- Built and launched a 30-second food-delivery ordering app (iOS/Android) and led a cross-functional team through product design, validation, and SaaS rollout to restaurants

BLACKBERRY | Reliability Engineering System Developer
May 2011 – Aug 2012 | Cambridge, ON
- Built a robust software control system powering accelerated-life testing for high-value prototype devices and pre-release hardware

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY | LEAP Mechatronics Instructor
Sep 2010 – Aug 2011 | Hamilton, ON
- Taught introductory mechatronics and developed a robotics platform with custom PCB designs