

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 • Cursor

DATA STACK

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

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

VP-level engineering leader with 12+ years leading global platform, DevOps, and data organizations. Expert in scaling multi-cloud platforms processing billions of events per hour, driving \$5M+ cost savings, leading orgs of 25+, 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