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SUMMARY

Senior Research Software Engineer with experience spanning open-source, research-driven software and internal, security-sensitive systems with real operational risk. Expertise includes distributed system development and complex web applications, as well as scientific software developed in experimental, evolving environments. Known for applying rigorous engineering practices to make complex systems reliable, reproducible, and sustainable across a wide range of contexts.

EDUCATION

Arizona State University | *MS in Software Engineering* 2022 – 2025
- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Extensive coursework in Software Engineering, Research Methods, Cybersecurity

University of New Mexico | *BS in Applied Mathematics* 2012 – 2014
- Minor: Economics, *summa cum laude*
- Extensive coursework in Scientific Computing, Numerical Computation

EXPERIENCE

Sandia National Laboratories Albuquerque, NM
Senior Member of Technical Staff / Research Software Engineer 2019 – Present
- Led architecture and long-term modernization of Pyomo, a globally used open-source optimization package, improving stability, contributor scalability, and maintainability across a large, distributed developer community
- Designed and operated distributed CI/CD systems for large scientific codebases, addressing automation bottlenecks through improved concurrency, test partitioning, and workflow orchestration using GitHub Actions and heterogeneous execution environments
- Developed secure, internal web-based systems to support shared modeling infrastructure, contributing to API design, distributed service integration, containerized deployment (Docker), and user-facing interfaces under strict security and operational constraints
- Applied machine learning techniques for anomaly detection in materials science and maritime trajectory analysis, using scikit-learn and TensorFlow to develop, evaluate, and validate models on large, real-world datasets
- Designed and maintained end-to-end ML experimentation pipelines, including data curation, feature extraction, model training, automated validation, and reproducibility-focused evaluation workflows
- Contributed to DevSecOps infrastructure design spanning HPC systems, cloud tooling, and developer workstations, balancing security requirements with developer usability in multi-platform environments
- Worked across backend, API, and frontend concerns, collaborating with domain scientists and engineers to translate modeling needs into usable, sustainable software interfaces and workflows
- Served as a technical mentor and reviewer for senior engineers and researchers, providing guidance on system design, code quality, testing strategy, and sustainable engineering practices

- Applied evidence-based software engineering and participatory action research methods to identify institutional barriers to sustainable software development, translating practitioner experience into actionable technical and process improvements
- Founded and led an organization-wide Research Software Engineering Community of Practice, establishing shared engineering standards, improving cross-project knowledge transfer, and strengthening long-term software stewardship

Year-Round Technical Intern 2014 – 2015

- Supported research computing projects and scientific software development
- Assisted in automation and testing for internal tools

SAIC Albuquerque, NM

IT Service Management Specialist 2019

- Applied ITIL Foundation principles across Knowledge Management, Incident Management, Change Management, and Major Incident processes in a large, multi-team IT environment
- Developed and delivered training materials and process documentation to support consistent adoption of ITSM practices across operational teams
- Participated as a cross-team contributor within Scrum-based workflows, supporting continuous improvement initiatives and iterative refinement of service management processes
- Collaborated with multiple ITSM functional groups to improve operational alignment, handoffs, and shared understanding of roles and escalation paths
- Built strong operational understanding of institution-scale IT service delivery, including the practical tradeoffs between process rigor, responsiveness, and human workload

Belcan Government Services Albuquerque, NM

Service, Quality, and Innovation Trainer 2017 – 2019

- Led onboarding programs for IT analysts, delivering structured training that covered both Belcan organizational processes and client-specific (Sandia National Laboratories) operational requirements in a high-security environment
- Designed and maintained a mixed-mode training ecosystem, including in-person sessions, on-demand knowledge base articles, and instructional videos to support both timely updates and long-term knowledge retention
- Acted as a liaison between service desk, escalation teams, and specialized IT groups, ensuring shared understanding of ticket lifecycles, escalation criteria, and inter-team dependencies
- Supported quality improvement and process standardization initiatives, using analyst feedback and operational observations to refine training content and service workflows
- Developed deep familiarity with enterprise IT operations at scale, including incident handling, escalation paths, and the human factors that affect service reliability and user experience

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages Python, R, C++, Java, TypeScript, SQL

Machine Learning and AI Scikit-learn, TensorFlow; anomaly detection, model evaluation, feature engineering, reproducible ML experimentation

Data and Scientific Computing Large-scale data processing, data maturation pipelines, numerical computing, validation pipelines, performance benchmarking, FAIR(ER) data practices

Distributed and High-Performance Computing Distributed system design, heterogeneous computing environments, workload orchestration, high-performance computing (HPC), distributed pipelines

Software Engineering and Architecture API design, service-oriented architectures, secure-by-design systems, long-term software sustainability

Automation and CI/CD GitHub Actions, GitLab CI/CD, Jenkins, Docker, test-driven development, reproducible builds, multi-stage testing pipelines

Better Software Practices Version control, documentation, code review, reproducibility, open-source collaboration

Leadership and Mentorship Technical mentoring, Scrum-based collaboration, community building, cross-disciplinary research support

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

CITI Human Subjects Training (Sandia and ASU) 2022, 2024

ITIL Foundation Training 2019

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Zakariya, P., Babushka, T., Mundt, M., Henriksen, A. "Developing open data for anomaly detection on nanoindentation curves." [Awaiting publication].
2. Dunlavy, M., Mundt, M., Henriksen, A. "Lost at sea: The reproducibility crisis in AIS anomaly detection." [Manuscript submitted for publication in 2025].
3. Drum, C., Dunlavy, M., Mundt, M., et al. "Keeping anomaly rules above board: A study on overspeed for maritime surveillance." [Manuscript submitted for publication in 2025].
4. Mundt, M. et al. "Pyomo: Accidentally Outrunning the Bear." *Patterns*, 2025.
5. Henriksen, A., Mundt, M. "Sharing is Caring: A Practical Guide to FAIR(ER) Open Data Release." 30th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, 2024.
6. Milewicz, R., Bisila, J., Mundt, M. et al. "DevOps Pragmatic Practices and Potential Perils in Scientific Software Development." Eighth International Congress on Information and Communication Technology, 2023.
7. Mundt, M. et al. "For the Public Good: Connecting, Retaining, and Recognizing Current and Future RSEs at U.S. National Research Laboratories and Agencies." *IEEE Computing in Science and Engineering*, 2023.
8. Gilbertson, C., Mundt, M. et al. "Towards Evidence-Based Software Quality Practices for Reproducibility: Practices and Aligned Software Qualities." 2nd ACM Conference on Reproducibility and Replicability, 2024.
9. Mundt, M. et al. "Challenges and Strategies for Testing Automation Practices at Sandia." US-RSE Conference, 2023.
10. Mundt, M., Milewicz, R. "A Tiered Approach to Scientific Software Quality Practices." Improving Scientific Software Conference, 2022.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

United States Research Software Engineer Association 2021 – Present

- Elected Steering Committee Member (2023–2024, 2025–2026)
- General Chair, US-RSE Conference 2024
- Contribute to long-term strategy, community growth, and the formalization of research software as a profession

IEEE Computing in Science and Engineering Magazine 2025 – Present

- Invited Editor, Research Software Engineering Department
- Create or request regular content for quarterly department submissions, focusing on the evolving profession and practice of research software engineering in computational science and engineering

Lab-Directed Research and Development Grant 2022 – 2023

- Co-Principal Investigator on federally funded project addressing reproducibility and software quality
- Led case study design, coordination, and data curation for multi-team research effort

Research Software Engineering Community of Practice 2022 – Present

- Founding member and administrator at Sandia National Laboratories
- Create mission statement, code of conduct, and onboarding resources
- Organize monthly meetings and community initiatives

AWARDS

2020 R&D 100 Award – Institute for the Design of Advanced Energy Systems

2021 Noteworthy Practice Award – QA Independent Assessment Program

2020 – 2023 Sandia Employee Recognition Awards – multiple categories