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ABOUT ME

I am an engineer who cares deeply about elegant, correct, and "toothsome" software: something that not only does the right thing the right way but is satisfying to use & to modify. This leads me to explore powerful tools in my own time (currently: Lisp; Haskell; Elm) and to adopt the state-of-the-art techniques as available in my professional life (currently: domain-driven design & soup-to-nuts automation).

CORE SKILLS

- .NET software development stack (C#, PowerShell, MSBuild, Hyper-V, T-SQL, ASP.NET, React)
- Azure infrastructure, esp. Compute (VMs, images)
- DevOps tools (Jenkins, Chef, Azure DevOps, GitHub Actions)

EXPERIENCE

Lead Software Engineer, FOIA Relativity ODA LLC
Chicago, IL (Hybrid) August 2025 - present
Working as a technical lead on a team to develop a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request case management system solution to integrate with RelativityOne. Participated in and drove early product and architectural design decisions. Providing feedback & mentorship to newer engineers on the team.

Lead Software Engineer, DevOps Relativity ODA LLC
Chicago, IL (Remote) May 2022 - August 2025
Leading a team that owns various internal tools for generating and serving testing & development environments to users. Serving as the subject matter expert for large parts of our inner and outer development loops in my group and the company at large. Continuing to provide mentorship & expertise to other team members.

Senior Software Engineer, DevOps Relativity ODA LLC
Kraków, Poland & Chicago, IL (Remote) October 2019 - May 2022
Maintained and extended internal tools related to VM image generation & consumption with an ecosystem driven by Chef/Packer in Azure and consumed by CI/CD pipelines & internal devs. Provided guidance, knowledge transfer, and domain expertise to team members & DevOps group.

Advanced Software Engineer, DevOps Relativity ODA LLC
Chicago, IL & Kraków, Poland October 2017 - October 2019
Normalized internal configuration code (Chef) and infrastructure as part of a move towards company-wide CI/CD. While in Poland, implemented new application for rapid ingestion/export of document data to/from Relativity. Also worked on pipelines to generate complex VM images with Relativity software pre-installed.

Software Engineer, Platform kCura Corporation/Relativity ODA LLC
Chicago, IL July 2014 - October 2017
On the Platform team, extended and refactored key internal components in the Relativity product, including its authentication system and its plugin/application system. Later, on the Tools team, helped move the software development organization onto a common set of tools (MSBuild & NUnit) as part of a move towards CI/CD.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, 2014
Bachelor of Arts in Classics and Computer Science