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SKILLS

Infrastructure (Cloud): AWS EMR, EC2, ECS, S3, IAM, VPC, Lambda, KMS.
Platform Engineering: Terraform, Ansible, CI/CD, Linux Administration, Docker, Splunk, Dynatrace.
Data Engineering: Python, SQL, Tableau, Git, Bash, Hadoop, Spark, Data Warehousing.
Architecture: High-Availability patterns, Event-driven architecture, Semantic modeling, Research and conference experience.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Platform Engineer Aug 2024 – Present
The Hartford

- Leading disaster recovery initiative (testing and internal certification) for our big data platform ecosystem including persistent and transient clusters, EMR Serverless, and Platform Application EC2 instances.
- Platform engineer for a big data processing ecosystem consisting of 2+ 45 node AWS EMR clusters running continuously, on-demand transient clusters, and 28 edge node Linux EC2 instances serving over 1500 users across 350 unique applications.
- Managing a team of 4 interns, providing guidance for an observability & monitoring project via Dynatrace and Splunk that supports 3 teams.
- Mentoring and providing training to an associate-level team member on a 1 year rotation through our team.

Technology & Operations Leadership Development Program Associate Aug 2022 – Aug 2024
The Hartford

- Two year-long rotations in Data Platform Engineering and Solution Architecture teams.
- Enabled Amazon EMR Serverless functionality for internal customers, estimated ~50% reduction in job run time and ~30-40% reduction in compute spend.
- Led fact-finding and feature-definition meetings with key business and technical stakeholders to ensure deliverables pointed to appropriate solution for the business.
- Drafted architectural artifacts and deliverables through collaboration with senior architects and technical leads.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

M.A.	Ethics and Applied Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Charlotte	2024
	Thesis: <i>Hermeneutical Dilution in Large Language Models: Epistemic Injustice, Language, and Statistics</i>	
B.S.	Computer Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>) with a minor in Mathematics, Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte	2022
B.A.	Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>), University of North Carolina at Charlotte	2022

Amazon Web Services Certified Cloud Practitioner (CLF-C02), verification upon request.
HashiCorp Terraform Associate (HCTA0-003), verification upon request.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

AI Ethics Advisor Nov 2023 – May 2024
AI 2030, Encode Justice

- Delivered feedback and policy suggestions on preliminary drafts of Encode Justice’s AI 2030 policy platform.
- Identified key signatories in the ethics and AI ethics disciplines to garner support during critical delivery window.
- Final published platform has been featured in CNN, Fortune, TIME, South China Morning Post, and the Washington Post.