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Professional Experience

**The Coca-Cola Company**

Atlanta, GA

*IT Director and Solutions Strategist*

*2017 – present*

Provide strategic IT vision for the delivery of software products in the Marketing, E-commerce, and R&D lines of business for Coca-Cola North America (CCNA)

* Directed multidisciplinary teams to define the architecture of a new route-to-market platform for E-commerce and 3rd-party distributors
* Defined multi-year strategy for an AI-optimized beverage product development platform and architected the first phase of the product (an online recipe creation tool)
* Established standards for Agile and DevOps practices at CCNA and ensure that teams deliver against them
* Presented CCNA Step Function implementations at the AWS Re:Invent conference (<https://wpb.is/reinvent>)

**The Coca-Cola Company**

Atlanta, GA

*Solutions Architect*

*2014 – 2017*

Developed transformational digital products and concepts for Coca-Cola consumer marketing groups

* Designed a machine learning solution for a long-outstanding proof-of-purchase business problem, sold it to the Coca-Cola North American marketing organization, sourced the suppliers and negotiated the contracts for delivery
  + Defined solution using image recognition with a convolutional neural network to extract 14-character product cap codes
  + Led implementation of both a cloud-based API and mobile device SDK for consumer-facing web campaigns and mobile apps
  + Invented a novel machine learning process for proof-of-purchase of consumer packaged goods (patent pending)
  + Published the solution on the Google Developers Blog (<https://wpb.is/tensorflow>)
* Defined enterprise-scale strategy for AWS serverless application development and deployment, estimated to save 450% over AWS EC2 compute and managed service fees
  + Defined multi-phase roadmap for serverless architecture development and adoption and presented it at the AWS Re:Invent 2016 Conference (<https://wpb.is/reinvent2016>)
  + Launched an open-source organization to support CCNA’s serverless strategy
* Defined the architecture for the Share a Coke ecommerce platform: directed architectural decisions towards ensuring PCI compliance, fault-tolerance and stability, and platform scalability

**Huge**

Atlanta, GA

*Solutions Architect*

*2013 – 2014*

Defined enterprise-scale architecture for a new retail automotive venture, EchoPark Automotive, and defined the related product vision for a cross-platform digital experience

* Served as the Product Owner within an Agile development process: defined product development strategy, worked with the customer to understand business goals and with Business Analysts to create and prioritize user stories for desktop web, mobile/tablet web, and in-store display
* Developed architectural assets including: UML sequence diagrams, network diagrams, entity relationship models, REST API documentation

**MRY**

Atlanta, GA

*Technical Director*

*2011 – 2013*

Directed multiple high-profile digital projects for Coca-Cola: defining architecture, writing code, and facilitating communication between client, agency, and multiple client vendors and partners

* Served as technical lead and architect for Coca-Cola + Spotify’s Placelists platform
  + Defined system architecture and directed a team of 6 developers (front-end and back-end) through an Agile delivery process
  + Defined technology strategy, liaising with Coca-Cola, Spotify, and MRY staff to communicate technical needs and expectations
  + Contributed code to both web API and client applications
* Served as technical lead for Coca-Cola’s Global 2012 Olympics digital campaign
  + Led a team of 5 developers to build Coca-Cola’s global “Move to the Beat” digital campaign for the 2012 Olympics
  + Served as the inter-agency technical liaison, coordinating development activities among five different vendors and also served as the primary technical contact for Coca-Cola, consulting with their IT and Marketing teams
  + Architected a multi-channel platform including a market localization framework for the Coca-Cola Olympics website and mobile site (supporting 24 languages)
  + Team won multiple awards: Clio in Digital/Mobile Technique, Mashable Marketing Innovator of the Year, and Mixx Award for Content Marketing

**Engauge**

Atlanta, GA

*Software Architect*

*2007 – 2011*

Led the development of several marquee projects as Technical Lead and Architect

* Technical Lead/Architect for the “Great Aussie Steakout” campaign. The campaign reached a peak of 250k requests/minute to OutbackFreeSteaks.com. Campaign site built on AWS – Amazon published a case study featuring my architecture for the site
* Technical Lead for the following sites: ruthschris.com, georgia.org, exploregeorgia.org, foodlion.com

**SolTech, Inc.**

Atlanta, GA

*Systems Analyst*

*2006 – 2007*

* Architected a framework for retail software installed on hand-held devices using the .Net Compact Framework and Co-developed a Windows-based "Client Agent" application installed on Point of Service devices located at Saks 5th Avenue retail outlets across the country

**Brandt Information Services, Inc.**

Tallahassee, FL

*Programmer/Analyst*

*2004 – 2006*

* Developed internet-based employee time-management system for the Guardian Ad Litum division of the Florida Department of Justice

Education

**Florida State University**

M.S. Computer Science, 2004

Graduate Thesis: *Interaction Design Patterns for Musical Applications*

**University of Central Florida**

B.A. Liberal Arts with Honors, 2001