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Summary

Executes on ideas. Unites teams through communication and compromise. Builds tools to automate and accelerate product pipelines. Engineers open source software and libraries. Bootstrapper. Founder.

Experience

FireEye

Remote, 07/2014 - Present

DevOps Engineer for FireEye's SaaS Cloud Offerings

Took ownership in the development, operations, release automation, and launch of FireEye's cloud based software offerings running on AWS. (TAP, FIC, and CTI projects)

Botoform:
Manage infrastructure on AWS using YAML

s3p:
Use AWS S3 as a release pipeline. Use code to enforce process and promote releases.

Cars.com

Remote, 10/2012 - 06/2014

Development, Operations, Release Automation with team in Santa Monica, CA.

LinkPeek

Remote, 01/2012 - Present

Founded LinkPeek, web page screenshot service, as a bootstrap startup.

ago:
human readable timedeltas.

filevault:
A class for managing a hash directory tree of files on a filesystem.

miniuri:
A universal URI parser class written in 128 lines.

Loud3r

Remote, 12/2011 - 03/2012

Development, Operations, Release Automation with team in San Francisco, CA.

CSC

Groton CT, 03/2006 - 10/2012

Climbed the ranks from call center to desktop release engineer pushing software to a fleet of 10,000+ computer assets.

Eventually joined the Unix team and built tools to help the company move faster. Brought in the first Kernel Virtual Machine (KVM) hypervisors to lower costs.

Scaled Exim email relays and Bind9 DNS servers.

Hillyer Realty

Remote, 04/2004 - 09/2007

Engineered and operated a real estate search engine well before Zillow existed.

Pfizer

Groton CT, 02/2006 - 08/2006

Desktop Support contractor at Pfizer. Exceeded Customer SLA expectations.

Education

Eastern Connecticut State University, Computer Science Major, 2009 - 2012

Three Rivers Community College, AS, Computer Science, 2003 - 2006

Skills

Programming

Admires tidy readable code and beautiful design patterns. Thoroughly enjoys refactoring code.

Python, Bash, PHP, Perl, C++, and Java (would prefer Scala)

Opinionated Ideal Architecture

SmartOS with a mixture of zones and KVM (likely Ubuntu guests), SaltStack (or Ansible), Jenkins, FPM, Vim, Nginx, uWSGI, Pyramid, Python, HG (or Git), PostgreSQL or MongoDB, Bind9, Postfix, Sphinx.

Interests

Building products. Looking forward to launching http://remarkbox.com

Technical Blog: http://russell.ballestrini.net/about