Ryan Kemper

Education

2014–2018 **Computer Science**, *UC Santa Barbara - College of Engineering*.
BS

Summer 2014 **Spanish Language**, *Universidad de Granada*, Granada.
Advanced Spanish language, culture and history of Spain, and culture and history of Latin America. Courses were taught exclusively in Spanish. Completed units transferred to UCSB

Experience

May 2019-Present **Site Reliability Engineer**, *Invoca*, Santa Barbara.

- Revamped our logging Elasticsearch cluster configuration, taking us from an unstable, over-sharded configuration to a performant and stable daily index model
  - New configuration processed **1.3 billion** documents per day while reducing total cost on the order of tens of thousands of dollars per year
  - Cluster went from experiencing "red cluster status" (data loss) every hour to **no further production** events in over 7 months
- Lead the response to production incidents while maintaining composure
  - Advocated for our customers, pushing us to proactively notify about impacting events such as dropped phone calls
  - Worked with others to perform root cause analysis and blameless post-mortems, identifying and driving improvements to prevent future incidents
- Securely managed production secrets through Hashicorp vault
- Operated and troubleshooted several Kubernetes and Chef-based production environments
- Deployed Falco, a container native runtime security and compliance solution, across all our Kubernetes and Chef-managed nodes

Jun 2018-March 2019 **Cloud Operations Intern**, *Invoca*, Santa Barbara.

- Plumbed cloudwatch Elasticsearch and Logstash metrics and constructed information-dense Grafana dashboards
- Developed and tuned alerts using Graphite-based monitoring stack; writing one-off scripts as necessary to back-test against historical data
- Wrote consistently high quality documentation containing specific runbooks and high level conceptual explanation of critical infrastructure like Elasticsearch
- Merged a patch (extended functionality) to the open-source static code analysis tool Brakeman, working with my manager to optimize Docker caching layers and create a new Dockerfile for easy usage in a CI pipeline => https://github.com/presidentbeef/brakeman/pull/1252
- Wrote a module for onboarding laptop script which idempotently guided the user through setting up a password-protected 4096-bit RSA ssh key to enforce a standard of security excellence
- Wrote a module for developer bash profile which automatically displays current Kubernetes context and namespace to ease common UX difficulties in using Kubernetes

Fall–Winter 2018 **UCSB CS Capstone team member - 1st place**, *LogMeIn (sponsor)*, Goleta.
Developed proprietary software that uses machine learning to offer targeted feedback for public speaking:

- Implemented NLP techniques like TF-IDF to identify keywords
  - Used nltk brown corpus to extract english term frequency and inverse document frequency data
  - Wrote Python scripts to extract thesaurus data and corpus word frequencies;
- Maintained 3 backend modules (text/audio/video):
  - Wrote shell scripts using sed/awk to integrate backend and frontend repositories;
  - Specified and implemented backend API for use in frontend
- Used parallelization to speed up backend, reducing processing time 2-3x:
  - Multithreading to parallelize API calls to Google Cloud Vision and IBM Watson
  - Multiprocessing for cpu-bound tasks like OpenCV haarcascades, ffmpeg mp4 conversion
- Wrote decision tree logic to convert raw analysis results into plain english feedback for user

Jun–Aug 2015 **Junior Test Engineer**, *wiLAN*, Greater San Diego Area.

- Implemented and configured closed testbed consisting of multiple switches, routers, and Unix servers to simulate a modern telecommunications network;
- Designed and implemented validation process to verify key components of proprietary electronic QoE evaluation model:
  - Wrote Python scripts to parse log files, calculate key video metrics, and verify accuracy of internal models;
  - Discovered key error in Video Mean Opinion Score (VMOS) model resulting in significant discrepancies. Proposed and evaluated potential solutions, and updated VMOS model to restore consistent behavior, resulting in avoidance of critical error.

Jun–Aug 2011 **Software Engineer Intern**, *OnRamp Wireless*, San Diego.
Worked as part of a team designing sensor analysis software in Java and Python, and designed a JUnit test suite to verify network integrity.
Tested and deployed software across various *nix-based virtual machines (Ubuntu, Debian, etc).

2008–2014 **Programming / Web Security Instructor**, *Wintriss Technical Schools*, San Diego.
Taught computer programming (Java, Python) and basic web security to students from ages 9-18 for several years

Primary Languages

Python 3	**Advanced**	*Preferred language for machine learning, scientific computing*
Ruby	**Advanced**	*Preferred language for scripting/general computing, metaprogramming*
C	**Advanced**	*Preferred language for low-level systems*
Java	**Intermediate+**	*Strong familiarity, but not preferred language. Often read Java source for projects like Apache Lucene, Elasticsearch, etc*
Scala	**Beginner**	*Wrote simple interpreter, making use of native pattern matching*

Core Skills

Git add, commit, push, feature branching, stashing, tagged commits, remotes, reflog, rebase

Scripting regexes, safe file handling, multiprocessing, JSON/csv/other common data output formats

Security	SQLI, CSRF, XSS, privilege escalation, buffer overflows / shellcode injection via env vars	**Cryptography**	secure hash functions (like the sha-2 family), salting, asymmetric key encryption (like gnupg)
***nix**	Primary experience with debian and fedora, limited experience with qubes OS	**Concurrency**	Synchronization primitives such as mutexes (locks), semaphores, wait/join, thread vs process

Public Speaking

(Link) Pitching an idea to college students @ Capstone UCSB