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executive, products & support



2011–2013

Engine Yard, Inc.

untitled executive, **product management**

- » reintroduced PM into flagship platform-as-a-service (PaaS) development process.
- » reintegrated internal/external feedback & QA into development & release processes.
- » created roadmap process with agile product development & cadenced release cycle.

director, **customer support** & business manager, **support & services**

- » executed cultural & workflow changes: increased employee satisfaction & retention.
- » introduced simply executable processes for mass outages & v.i.p. support.
- » defined packages & pricing for Customer Support & Professional Services offerings.
- » implemented SOC-2-compliant Customer Support Policy.

- customer satisfaction steady at 98% within 6 months (up from 79%).
- 100% of customers covered by paid support within first 8 months.
- premium-tier upsells increased 15% quarterly in 2nd year.

2005–2011

Brontes Technologies, a 3M company

senior engineer, **systems software** & i.t.

- » developed image capture libraries & interfaces for real-time 3-D dental scanner.
- » architected POC framework for dentists, labs & fabrication centers to exchange data.
- » modernized development tools, environments, & workflows.
- » hardened & secured IT infrastructure (auth.+auth., network, systems, services).

founder, **customer service** & manager, **global integration**

- » created customer service function as part of (post-acquisition) initial product launch.
- » implemented systems to track, document, resolve & measure customer issues.
- » assembled cross-functional workflow for timely issue resolution & product feedback.
- » represented voice of customer in product strategy & roadmap sessions.

- » established *EU*- & *HIPAA*-compliant service, repair & quality management processes.
- » scaled escalation & quality logistics to internal & 3rd-party service providers (US & EU).
- 3 consecutive years: team members nominated/awarded 3M Pyramid of Excellence.

2002–2007

Gentoo Linux

manager, **development** & manager, **operations**

- » introduced triage process for timely & efficient handling of user issues.
- » lowered technical & procedural barriers to entry for user-community involvement.
- » structured rapidly growing organization into functional & logical teams.

- installed user base grew from 750 to 1.5 million in 24 months.
- developer team (100% volunteer) grew from 15 to 250 in 24 months.
- Distrowatch's 5th most popular Linux distribution for 4 consecutive years.
- » rebuilt developer team following mass attrition due to project fork.



2003–2007

Gentoo Linux, Inc.

founding member, **Council (7 seats)**

- » corporate partner liaison (AMD, Inc. & Nvidia, Inc.).
- re-elected 3 times, served 3 times (declined once).

2003–2006

Gentoo Foundation (Non-profit)

founding trustee, **Board (11 seats)**

- » edited non-profit charter documents.
- » legal counsel liaison for 501(c)6 status filing.
- re-elected 3 times, served 4 times.

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product development
product management
team turnaround
emotional intelligence
user experience
customer success
customer loyalty
data visualization



2013	Silicon Valley Code Camp "Who are your customers?"	speaker
2012	Hamburg PHP Users Group "Passion, Happiness, Programming"	guest speaker
2004	FOSS.in "Try open source, Try Gentoo Linux"	keynote speaker
2002–2005	LinuxWorldExpo, GDC & CES conferences. booth presence & breakout sessions.	representative



2008	3M peer-nominated "business unit award for outstanding achievement."	pyramid of excellence, 3M Dental
1999	Rochester Institute of Technology academic & living expenses to perform thesis research.	research assistantship, Hewlett-Packard
1989–1994	University of Rochester academic expenses; merit-based.	scholarship, Genesee



2000	Rochester Institute of Technology specialty: artificial intelligence thesis: "Image Processing with Cellular Neural Networks"	m.s candidate, computer science
1994	University of Rochester minor: economics certificate: management	b.s., optics
1979–1989	International School of Lusaka (Zambia) majors: physics, economics	high school, gcse & 'o' levels