

Personal Info

Summary

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Technical engineering leader exploring roles that embrace socially conscious software that tackles real-world technnology problems in the cloud native space and enables people of all backgrounds / identities to realize purpose through software.

Work experience

8/20 - current

Solutions Engineer (Tanzu Platform Architect) VMware, Palo Alto, CA (Remote)

Modern Application Business Unit Platform Architect, covering the complete prior Pivotal stack, including PCF/TAS, TKG (K8s), CI/CD, & Java/Spring Application Development.

- *Mentored/enabled* customers and inhouse architects on hybrid and multicloud strategies around cloud native development (including vSphere, AWS, GCP, & Azure), CI/CD, github, bitbucket, ADO, jenkins, bitbucket pipelines, kind, docker, & minikube.
- *Performed* as primary technical contact/platform architect with one of the Top 2 VMWare Tanzu clients in 2020-2021, during successful POCs/engineering pursuits for Tanzu Service Mesh, Tanzu Kubernetes Grid (Edge), and Tanzu Mission Control.
- *Delivered* workshops/POCs/1 on 1 demos on lean, event-storming, containerization, kubernetes, microservices, data protection, gitops, PCF/TAS & app resiliancy patterns.
- Recommended and championed architectures to solve major challenges of clients
- Supported clients directly during incident response and triage.

Technologies used: Kubernetes, CI/CD, Spring, GKE, AKS, EKS, TKG, FluxCD, TMC, TSM, vSphere 7, containers, Docker, TBS, Harbor, architecture, hybrid, multi-cloud, kind

3/19 - 5/20

VP of Technology

Section, Boulder, CO / Sydney, Australia (Remote)

Senior team member of Section, an Edge Compute Platform startup.

- *Created* Section Labs, an innovation lab focused on Research & Development and education (prototypes included Envoy reverse proxy, consistent hash, and edge machine learning/inferencing).
- *Led* the module development team. Responsibilities included developing deeper platform capabilities and building/supporting existing container-based reverse proxies (including WAF, Bot Blockers, & JavaScript/Go/Lua/OpenResty Applications).
- *Developed* edge-deployed, containerized applications leveraging technologies including Lua, JavaScript, Go, Bash, Jenkins, etc.
- Supported sales enablement through solutioning, pre-sales activities, and vendor briefings.
- *Developed* and *operated* container-based reverse proxies for global Kubernetes presence across a multi-cloud/multi-provider environment.
- Advocated, delivered, and wrote technical education.

Technologies used: Lua/OpenResty, Kubernetes, AWS, Go, Containers, CDN, Jenkins, Bash, Edge Compute, Linux, Git, DevOps, JavaScript, Python, Nginx, Envoy, Python

7/15 - Present

Chairperson QCon SF & QCon+ / Co-host The InfoQ Podcast / Editor InfoQ C4Media, Toronto, Canada (Remote)

Led technical content and organizing committee for senior developer/architect conference;



co-host an iTunes Top 100 Technical Podcast on software architecture; covered DevOps/Cloud/Edge News on InfoQ.com

- Chaired/Organized Content annually for QCon San Francisco software conference (1600 software engineers in the Bay Area)
- *Co-hosted* of The InfoQ Podcast (~14k downloads/listens per episode)
- *Led* speaker effectiveness workshops for QCon SF, QCon London, QCon NYC, HashConf, & HashiTalks Virtual Events.
- Covered DevOps, Cloud, Edge related news items for InfoQ.com

Technologies used: DevOps, Cloud, Architecture, Edge

7/15 - 3/20

Principal Technical Advisor C4Media, Toronto, Canada (Remote)

Product owner directly accountable for the attendee, speaker, and committee experience serving 5K developers annually, included speaker selection/recruiting/mentoring, content curation, practitioner feel/voice, equal representation, and quality.

- Created an entirely new machine learning/AI event QCon.ai. In it's first year, achieved profit and an attendance of 275.
- *Increased NPS* from mid 20's to mid 40's across geographic regions including San Francisco (42), London (48), and New York (36).
- *Led* speaker effectiveness workshops for QCon SF, QCon London, QCon NYC, HashConf, & HashiTalks Virtual Events.
- Covered DevOps, Cloud, Edge related news items for InfoQ.com
- [WeatherCheck] *Advised* architecture, developed prototypes, implemented geolocation API leverage AWS Lambda.
- [Hyperloco] Developed mobile apps using Swift, prototyped APIs, and architectural guidance.

Technologies used: DevOps, Cloud, Architecture, Edge, Culture, Org, Team, DevEx,Python, AWS, Lambda, S3, Redshift, RDS, Athena, Android (Java), IOS (Swift), Git

4/14 - 4/16

Architect

HP Enterprise Services, Fort Knox, KY (USA)

Principle architect for the US Army Cadet Command

- *Migrated / re-platformed* on-prem systems to government cloud (one of the first).
- Led/performed mail/file server migration from on-prem to GMail.
- Rearchitected/Consolidated applications for hybrid cloud environments.
- *Integrated* of COTS/GOTS software with customer Java / .NET systems.

Architecture team member for US Army Human Resource Command.

- *Responsible* for the governance and guidance of Human Resource Command systems, including components of Army National Guard, Accessions, Recruiting, and Cadet Command systems.
- Architected/Developed Java solutions for US Amy Platforms.
- *Led* Army Cadet Portal development managing the cadet relationship and document requirements.
- *Designed/mentored* developers on the creation of services in support of the Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) initiatives, including bridging functionality between PeopleSoft and ARISS.
- *Performed* product reviews and analysis of products, including working with vendors, writing reference implementations, and on-boarding dev teams.
- Established software development & architecture technical standards.

Champion for HP Enterprise Services and a trusted advisor within DoD.

- *Prototyped* first Army mobile recruiting application. Application was first to be accepted to DoD mobile store.
- *Coached, taught, & mentored* technical teams on agile development practices (took teams failing to meet expectations to massive increases in team velocity and project delivery).



- *Authored* articles/whitepapers, performed presales architecture solutioning, presented at DoD (and public) conferences on behalf of HP Enterprise Services around enterprise integration and mobility.
- *Developed* strategy, governance, blueprints, trained developers, and all activities to adopt service oriented architecture for Army Recruiting.

Technologies used: Java, JavaScript, Angular, JavaEE, Maven, Spring, C#, .NET, MVC.NET, Entity Framework, Scum, SQL Server, Oracle, T-SQL, Glassfish, Oracle Weblogic, Liferay, Tomcat

5/03 - 12/16

Lecturer, Part-time evenings

Adjunct Lecturer (May '03 - Dec '16)

- Adjunct lecturer for the University of Louisville (short periods teaching for Bellarmine and Sullivan University).
- Taught upperclassmen (300-400 lvl) in applied software topics such as Android, .NET, Architecture, JavaScript Frontend, & Windows Development
- Developed courseware and advised universities on online class curriculum through partnership with the Learning House.
- Participated as a member of the Board of Governors in the Brown-Foreman / University of Louisville Center for Non-Profit Information Technology Services. Center assisted non-profit organizations in developing and maturing IT services within their organization using CIS students, faculty, and alumni.
- Reviewed books from the Pragmatic Bookshelf and O'Reilly, including Practices of an Agile Developer (Subramaniam/Hunt), Pragmatic Unit Testing with NUnit (Hunt/Thomas), iOS SDK Development, and more.
- Developed & taught custom curriculum for all mainframe developers Java at Kentucky Farm Bureau (intro, intermediate, & advanced OO/Java twice).

Technologies used: Android (Java), JavaScript, Angular, NET, MVC.NET, Entity Framework, Azure, Java, Spring, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, SQL Server

5/03 - 12/16

Java Senior Developer / Tech Lead

CDInteractive (Nov '13 - 'Apr 14)

- Senior developer / Tech lead for online gaming startup.
 - *Provided* architectural guidance and served as a senior developer for online gaming startup.
 - Worked as a senior member / individual contributor for Scrum teams.
 - *Gathered* requirements, scope, and plan for the development of new features and functions across multiple software stacks/architectures.
 - *Created* high-level and detailed architectural specifications, ensuring feasibility, functionality, security, and integration with existing systems/ platforms and back-end road map.
 - *Performed* full stack web development using: JavaScript, .NET, Spring using traditional RDBMS (including MySQL, SQL Server)

Technologies used: Java, Spring, Scrum, Git, ReST/Services, RallyDev. MySQL, Tomcat

01/05 - 05/13

Software Engineer

HP Enterprise Services, Fort Knox, KY (USA)

Architecture team member for US Army Human Resource Command

- Responsible for the governance and guidance of Human Resource Command systems, including components of Army National Guard, Accessions, Recruiting, and Cadet Command systems.
- Architected/Developed Java solutions for US Amy Platforms (SMART, FutureSoliders.com, Cadet Referral System, Congressional Inquiry System, Enterprise Portals, Portlets) in support of HRC initiatives.



- Designed/mentored developers on the creation of services in support of the Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) initiatives, including bridging functionality between PeopleSoft and ARISS.
- *Performed* product reviews and analysis of products, including working with vendors, writing reference implementations, and on-boarding dev teams.
- Established software development & architecture technical standards.

Champion for HP Enterprise Services and a trusted advisor within DoD

- *Championed/evangelized* at all levels from developer to very senior leadership (3 star General) solutions, including identity, application portfolio consolidation, common framework development, and service architecture.
- *Prototyped* first Army mobile recruiting application. Application was first to be accepted to DoD mobile store.
- *Coached, taught, & mentored* technical teams on agile development practices (took teams failing to meet expectation to massive increases in team velocity and project delivery).

Managed teams to support HP Enterprise and US Army team needs.

- *Led* cross-functional teams up to 26 for capital-intensive projects for US Army Recruiting Command around web and portal technology.
- Built (hired/fired) software teams to accomplish US Army Recruiting objectives and mission.
- *Developed* strategy, governance, blueprints, trained developers, and all activities to adopt SOA for Army Recruiting Command.

Technologies used: Java, JavaScript, Angular, JavaEE, Maven, Spring, C#, .NET, MVC.NET, Entity Framework, T-SQL, Scum, Oracle, PL-SQL, Sybase, SunOne Stack

2001-2005

Software Engineer

Electronic Data Systems

Started as a junior developer in ASPc/COM+ and rose to techlead **Technologies used:** Java, JavaScript, Com+, ASPc, PL-SQL

1996 - 2001

Technical Writer and Publishing Manager (Raque Food Systems)

1992-1996

US Navy Veteran (Honorably Discharged/Machinest Mate Third Class, Submarine Qualified)

Education

08/02 - 05/05

MBA (Concentration in eBusiness)

University of Louisville / Louisville, KY

Taught night school to pay MBA.

08/96 - 05/02

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems (Honors) University of Louisville / Louisville, KY

Earned during night school over the course of six years.

08/90 - 05/96

Associate of Science in Liberal Arts

Excelsior College (Formally University of the State of New York)

Earned using distance education while onboard of forward deployed US submarine.

Certifications

2012

Certification Java Programmer Java 1.42

2014

Security+

2015

ITIL v3 Foundation



Skills

Architecture Patterns & Practices JavaScript Microservices Java **Cloud Native** Bash Serverless SQL **Event Driven Architectures Version Control** Edge Git Reactive Subversion (SVN) Machine Learning **Operating Systems Cloud Native** MacOS **AWS** Linux Azure Windows **GCP** Android Terraform Kubernetes Prometheis Web Grafana JavaScript CI/CD HTML Container CSS Graphic Arts Agile / Lean Lean Domain Driven Design Scrum Event Storming **Programming Langauges** ()()() Python



