AI-Powered Software, Network, DevOps, Cloud, and Data Center Engineer

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Developer Advocate - DevOps, Data Center, and AI

Cisco – Remote, United States August 2023 – November 2024

- **DevOps & Infrastructure-as-Code Developer Advocacy** team member, producing engaging labs, code, blogs, videos, documentation, and more for engineers worldwide.
- Led Engineering Connect meetings for Cisco's entire Data Center portfolio, bridging the Engineering and Business units for collaboration on APIs, docs, sandboxes, labs, etc.
- Vital member of the AI Tiger Team and Design Insights Group (DIG) AI teams.
- Co-founded the Cisco Networking APIs Technical Advisory Group.
- Conceived and developed the successful the '**DevOps Shop**' video series (10,000+ views) and the extremely popular **AI Daily Dose** bot.
- Presented at Cisco Live events (US, APJC, EMEA), educating the developer community.

Software + Network (DevNet) Engineer

Cisco – Remote, United States December 2019 – August 2023

- Contributed to and maintained DevNet's site and offerings, including **code samples**, **documentation**, **labs**, **courses**, **sandboxes**, **blogs**, and more.
- Core member of the **Developer Success** and **IoT** teams, providing training and support.
- Presented at both Cisco Live and Cisco Impact on development-related topics.
- Cisco Blogs, Cisco Community, and Cisco Code Exchange published author.
- Served as a liaison between the internal **Product** and **Engineering** teams and the developers in the **Community**, facilitating an efficient two-way flow of feedback.

Full-Stack Software Engineer

Apple – Austin, TX, United States July 2019 – October 2019

- Member of the fast-paced and Agile-based **Developer Insights** team.
- Developed automation scripts in **Python**, improving reporting for internal teams.
- Contributed to front and back-end systems, including APIs, databases, and automation.
- Monitored critical systems and triaged issues with real-time monitoring dashboards.
- Created custom dashboards, widgets, and client-facing apps, with **JSON** and **XML** data.
- Leveraged **Splunk** and **Python** libraries (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib) for data analysis.

Software Engineer

Code Platoon – Chicago, IL, United States August 2018 – July 2019

- Completed an on-site **immersive coding apprenticeship** for skilled military veterans, culminating in an internship at **Sprout Social**.
- Developed and maintained full-stack applications using both **Python/Django** and **JavaScript/React** to emphasize versatility and optimize workflows.
- Engaged in frequent **pair programming** with fellow junior developers to enhance collaboration and code quality.
- Participated in weekly **code reviews** with developers and managers to refine code base.
- Balanced **frontend** and **backend** responsibilities, working with both code and databases.

Network Support Engineer, Head of Managed Services

Comlabs Government Systems, Inc – Melbourne, FL, United States July 2017– Aug 2018

- Led **Managed Services** for a nationwide network supporting state and federal agencies, as well as private firms, ensuring rapid outage diagnosis and resolution.
- Coordinated daily stand-up meetings with department heads using Agile methodology and managed projects with Atlassian tools (JIRA, Confluence).
- Maintained a **comprehensive database** for emergency management, employing **data science** techniques (Python, SQL, XML, JSON) for data integrity.
- Identified and resolved a critical system bug, **preventing a potential nationwide outage** and saving the company over \$175,000.
- Conducted daily security checks, weekly patches, and monthly vulnerability assessments; integrated PRTG for real-time infrastructure monitoring.
- Prepared **weekly infrastructure and security reports** for emergency management directors of Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

Education

Diploma in Full-Stack Software Engineering	M.Ed.
B.Sc. in Network Systems and Data Communications	B.A. in Intelligence Studies
A.S. in Information Technology	A.A.S. in Intelligence Operations

Certifications

I've recently earned Google's Advanced Data Analytics and Cloud Data Analytics Certificates

Cisco DevNet Specialist – DevOps	Cisco DevNet Associate	Cisco CyberOps Associate
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner	CompTIA A+, Net+, Sec+	SAFe 4 Agile