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Software Engineering Leader

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EXPERIENCE

Engineering Manager

Cash App

Feb 2023 – present Remote – San Francisco, CA

I am an engineering leader on a global team providing core infrastructure for money movements. I am accountable for the real-time distributed ledger that tracks all financial transactions within the Cash ecosystem.

Leadership API Platform Data Engineering Java

Engineering Manager

Twitter

Nov 2020 – Nov 2022 Remote – San Francisco, CA

Led globally distributed teams building platforms that provide Rest, GraphQL, and RPC interfaces for core ads data.

- Grew a team of 5 engineers supporting two platforms to an org of 15 with two teams: Ads API and Data Service
- Promoted ICs at each from L4 (SWE I) to L7 (Staff) and an IC to an EM
- Defined a multi-year roadmap to increase the internal development velocity of ads products
- Led the cross-functional implementation of an architectural design pattern to parallelize web product experimentation and API product design

Leadership API Platform Data Engineering Scala Java GraphQL

Senior Software Engineering Manager

Capital One

Apr 2018 – October 2020 McLean, VA

Tech lead and people leader for the Focus platform that enabled secure, scalable storage of customer documents and programatic integration with third parties.

- Managed 2 teams that focused on the core APIs and the SRE/operations for the platform.
- Designed and led the implementation of critical projects for the platform: dual-region architecture, asynchronous virus scanning, object-level encryption
- Won a Technical Excellence award for the platform's growth, innovative technical design, and reliability
- Top performing interviewer for college and professional engineers conducting behavioral and technical interviews
- Member of the leadership team supporting 5 teams in the organization
- Primary and co-inventor on patents derived from the platform's designs

NodeJS Go Java Kubernetes Aurora MySQL Cassandra Terraform CloudFormation Ansible AWS API Platform OpenAPI Data Engineering Leadership

Lead Software Engineer

Storyblocks

Dec 2014 – Mar 2018 Arlington, VA

Tech lead of the Strategic Technologies team which provided engineering platforms and tools, maintained cloud infrastructure, built data pipeline, and developed enterprise products while providing thought leadership for the engineering organization.

- Designed and implemented the migration of our infrastructure from a set of managed servers to AWS with Docker
- Designed and implemented an events pipeline to track KPIs for our business. The pipeline consisted of a PHP events framework, Kinesis Firehose, NodeJS Lambda function, and a Redshift data lake
- Established and maintained an enterprise grade API and corporate products in a new business unit that generated over \$1M in new revenue for the company
- Led teams through coaching and development; represented engineers in cross-calibration sessions and provided semi-annual performance feedback

PHP NodeJS Scala React Angular Python Ruby Docker MySQL Postgres MongoDB CloudFormation Ansible Data Engineering API Platform OpenAPI AWS Leadership

Software Engineer

Capital One

Jul 2012 – Dec 2014 Vienna, VA

A full-stack engineer developing some of the first REST APIs for credit card resources and helped build the API Developer Portal - the banking industry's first public APIs.

API Java OpenAPI Data Engineering

Co-founder and CTO

FlashCrystal

Jun 2012 – present Nashville, TN

Built the platform for digital media distribution using NFC and web technologies.

Leadership PHP NodeJS Cloud Infrastructure NFC

LIFE PHILOSOPHY

"Never give up."

MOST PROUD OF

- People leadership**
Leading globally distributed teams through both tranquil and chaotic times.
- Achievements**
Patents and tech excellence awards
- Tech organization growth**
Contributed to organizational growth at Storyblocks, Capital One, and Twitter

STRENGTHS

System Design Technical mentorship Leadership Infrastructure management Application Architecture APIs Automation

LANGUAGES

Javascript Go Java PHP Shell Python, Ruby, scripting

EDUCATION

B.E. in Computer Engineering
Vanderbilt University

CERTIFICATIONS

- aws Solutions Architect Associate**
Jan 2019: EET55E012B1QQC5L
- Certified Secure Software Engineer Associate**
March 2020

PATENTS

- US Patent US10474506B1**
"Finite state machine driven workflows," Nov. 12 2019
- US Patent US10997611B2**
"Distribution of media with tracking and analysis of media usage for royalty, loyalty and collection of metadata," May. 4 2021
- US Patent US11171945B2**
"Time-based token trust depreciation," Nov. 9 2021
- US Patent US11113678B2**
"Systems configured to manage user-related external party-activity software objects by using machine-readable indicia and methods of use thereof," Sept. 7 2021