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Summary

Executes on ideas. Unites teams through communication and compromise. Builds tools to automate and accelerate product pipelines. Engineers open source software. Bootstrapper. Founder.

Experience

Remind - *Remote, 06/2017 - Present* - System Engineer

Writing code to wrangle AWS Infrastructure. Solving problems that teachers have communicating with parents and students.

Mobiquity - *Remote, 06/2016 - 06/2017* - Senior System Engineer

Builds products, scales AWS infrastructure, practices DevOps.

FireEye - *Remote, 07/2014 - 05/2016* - DevOps Engineer

Launched FireEye's SaaS offerings running on AWS. (TAP, FIC, and CTI projects)

- **Botoform**: Architect infrastructure on AWS using YAML.
- **s3p**: Use AWS S3 as a release pipeline.

Cars.com - *Remote, 10/2012 - 06/2014* - System Engineer

Practiced DevOps (Development and Release Automation) with team in Santa Monica, CA.

LinkPeek - *Remote, 01/2012 - Present* - Founder

Founded **LinkPeek**, web page screenshot service, as a bootstrap startup.

- **ago**: human readable timedeltas.
- **filevault**: A class for managing a hash directory tree of files on a filesystem.
- **miniuri**: A universal URI parser class written in 128 lines.

CSC - *Groton CT, 08/2006 - 10/2012* - Unix System Administrator

- pushed software updates to a fleet of 10,000+ computer assets
- built tools to help the company move faster and automate reporting
- championed Kernel Virtual Machine (KVM) hypervisors to lower costs

Hillyer Realty - *Remote*, 04/2004 - 09/2007 - Technology Consultant

Engineered and operated a real estate search engine well before Zillow existed.

Pfizer - *Groton CT*, 02/2006 - 08/2006 - Desktop Support Contractor

Exceeded Customer SLA expectations.

Education

- *Eastern Connecticut State University*, Computer Science Major, 2009 - 2012
- *Three Rivers Community College*, AS, Computer Science, 2003 - 2006

Skills

Programming

- Admires readable and testable code.
- Thoroughly enjoys the process of refactoring.
- Python, Bash, PHP, Perl, C++, and Java (would prefer Scala)

Opinionated Ideal Architecture

SmartOS with a mixture of zones and KVM (likely Ubuntu guests), SaltStack (or Ansible), Jenkins, FPM, Vim, Nginx, uWSGI, Pyramid, Python, HG (or Git), PostgreSQL or MongoDB, Bind9, Postfix, Sphinx.

Interests

- Building products. Looking forward to launching <http://remarkbox.com>
- Technical Blog: <http://russell.ballestrini.net/about>
- Gardening: <http://unturf2.tumblr.com/>