**Managing Staff Software Engineer**

⁜ Audacious vision for high-level abstractions ⁜ Big picture systems thinker

Product-minded decision maker ⁜ Mentor at heart with a penchant for teaching

**LANGUAGES:** Ruby, Python, Javascript, Go, Clojure, Lua, Fennel, Sindarin, FORTH, C#, [ba|z|fi]sh, Quenya, QBASIC

**TECHNOLOGIES:** Rails, AWS, Kuberbetes, ArgoCD, PostgreSQL, Redis, Kafka, Airflow, Memcached
**TOOLBELT:** VS Code+Neovim, iTerm2, tmux, Obsidian, Talon Voice, Hammerspoon, :(){:|:&};:

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Relevant Experience
**MANAGING STAFF SOFTWARE ENGINEER/TECH LEAD** *AdHoc - VA.gov (Washington, D.C. [Remote]) 2023 – Present*

Audited and modernized all Veterans Benefits APIs, aligning them with industry best practices, security standards, and performance benchmarks ⁜ Led the architecture and execution of a large-scale migration, consolidating multiple legacy API modules into a high-performance, greenfield Ruby on Rails API-only platform ⁜ Designed and implemented a zero-downtime CI/CD pipeline from scratch, leveraging GitHub Actions, ArgoCD, and Kubernetes, ensuring strict compliance with federal NIST security mandates for PII/PHI ⁜ Spearheaded the transition to fully automated, containerized deployments, dramatically improving release velocity, system reliability, and infrastructure scalability in a high-stakes government environment.

**SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER** *NexHealth (San Francisco, CA [Remote]) 2022 – 2023*

Resuscitated an ancient Python 2/Django app and ported it to Ruby on Rails ⁜ Untangled a hairy, ten year old, diamond dependency ⁜ Fixed a mountain of broken tests, bringing the test suite green for the first time ever.

**SENIOR BACKEND SOFTWARE ENGINEER** *Weedmaps (Irvine, CA [Remote]) 2019 – 2022*

Built a greenfield, inhouse, ad-server at scale with Ruby on Rails ⁜ Worked tightly with AR to build and integrate custom accounting software for performance based ad sales ⁜ Conducted over a hundred interviews ⁜ Thwarted spammers with hand rolled naive bayesian ML models ⁜ Leveraged Apache Airflow to automate meta-tagging of all incoming S3 objects, ensuring compliance and discoverability ⁜ Stopped delivery driver muggings using AI facial recognition.

**SOFTWARE ENGINEER** *Comcast (Philadelphia, PA) 2017 – 2019*

Principal architect of MOXIE, an Ruby on Rails application enabling bulk querying of customer PII at all levels of network topography. ⁜ Enterprise-level security ⁜ Aggregated and collated seven disparate databases traversing billions of rows ⁜ Architected ETL pipelines to handle ingestion into data warehouses with Kafka for high-throughput event streaming ⁜ Query optimization for ingesting data on the petabyte scale. ⁜ MOXIE is still in use today
**LEAD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER** *Curtiss-Wright (Hatfield, PA) 2014 – 2017*

Spearheaded the design, architecture, and testing of custom quoting software built to spec with Ruby on Rails. ⁜ Project has since grown in scope and now constitutes more than half of the sales pipeline. ⁜ Delivered on time and significantly under budget (OSS <3) ⁜ Seamlessly integrated with the company's existing CRM software and an ancient copy of MS SQL Server 7.0 -- Still in use today

**FIELD SERVICE ENGINEER** *Curtiss-Wright (Hatfield, PA) 2013 – 2014*

Supervised heat exchanger repairs on nuclear and conventional power generation plants and petrochemical/agricultural refinement facilities. ⁜ Served as a consultant and supervisor for numerous nuclear plant overhaul operations. ⁜ Became the first software engineer in the company’s history ⁜ Developed a complete sales pipeline in C# for the service department. ⁜ Identified and prevented the implosion of legacy software due to operating system enforced file size limits.

**NUCLEAR ENGINEER** *United States Navy (USS Philadelphia SSN-690) 2003 – 2009*

Served 4 years on a fast attack submarine. ⁜ Provided continuous supervision for up to ten personnel including mechanics, electricians, and reactor technicians for the safe and efficient operation of a nuclear power plant. ⁜ Coordinated and oversaw all engineering watchstanders during reactor plant operations from startup to shutdown status. ⁜ Provided training to junior personnel on plant operations ⁜ Collateral duties included serving as Gage Calibration Officer, Training Officer, and Quality Assurance Officer.
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Education
⁜ **EXCELSIOR COLLEGE (ALBANY, NY)** *B.S. Nuclear Engineering Technology 2013-2017*

⁜ **NAVAL NUCLEAR TRAINING COMMAND (CHARLESTON, SC)** *2003-2004*