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Cloud architect, software delivery professional, and senior full-stack web developer who wants to make impressive, delightful things with GitHub's Core Product team

Professional Experience Software Engineer in Test New York → Senior Software Engineer Software Engineer in Test → Software Engineer Prep Site Reliability Engineer Software Engineer in Test Rethink Release Manager Kaplan, Inc. QA Analyst → Software Engineer in Test Prep Office Manager CityRealty **QA** Analyst → Hospital Orderly Here and → Barista 2002 There → Waiter 2007 Some College

Qualifications for Core Product Engineer

Strong Written Communication Skills

- At New York Times, drafted and proposed RFC's for broad buy-in from technical and non-tech audiences
- At Kaplan Test Prep, founded the Documentation Guild, training and challenging engineers to create lasting internal documentation

High Degree of Empathy

- At New York Times, participated in several game design iterations, absorbing and incorporating player feedback into game prototypes
- At Rethink, fielded customer care reports directly from educators and parents of kids with autism with respect and competence

10+ Years As A Full-Time Coder

Experience With Modern JS Frameworks

- At New York Times, used
 React+Redux and Express
- At Kaplan, used Angular 2+ and Redux
- At Rethink, used Angular 1

Experience On Distributed Teams

- At New York Times, worked with 50/50 blend on-site and remote colleagues
- At Kaplan, *managed* offshore QA teams in India

Ability to Learn Systems, Engineering Concepts and Incorporate Learnings

 Career pattern of expanding my role beyond my title through self-learning and application to work-related problems

Familiarity with Git

 Have used Git as source control solution for over 10 years, on 6+ teams at 3 companies

Experience Operating Resilient, Scalable Distributed Services

- First developer on NYT Kids project, designed and executed on architecture for Alpha and Beta backend systems
- At Kaplan, built and customized Jenkins CI pipelines for all platform teams

Building Highly Available Services

 At New York Times, maintained cloud infrastructure supporting the crossword, serving 900,000+ subscribers

Knowledge of Testing, Profiling, and Debugging

- Perennial Software Engineer in Test; quality is my identity!
- Public speaking about testing and quality at many software conferences

Latest Projects

- Cloud architecture in GCP and full-stack development using React and Go for the New York Times Kids product
- Developing puzzle game prototypes using React, CSS, and HTML 2D canvas for New York Times
- Writing web scrapers and data cleaners in NodeJS for the New York Times Covid data scraping project
- Working through Ruby on Rails Tutorial 6th ed. by Michael Hartl