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Objective To participate in the design and development of state of the art software and hardware systems.

Interests Distributed systems, compilers, database internals, machine learning, and scientific computing.

Education Master of Engineering Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, MA May 2003 – May 2004

Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. My thesis was entitled *Starkiller: A Static Type Inferencer and Compiler for Python*.

Bachelor of Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, MA September 1996 – May 2003

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. I left MIT for three years to work in industry.

High school student Christian Brothers Academy
Lincroft, NJ 1992–1996

Experience Software Engineer Trip Advisor Inc.
Newton, MA February 2009 – May 2010

I designed and implemented a scalable system for continuously monitoring air travel prices. This system strove to find the best prices satisfying user specified travel endpoints and trip duration. Since issuing air fare queries costs money, the system incorporated optimizations to modify the query frequency based on the popularity of different routes, market volatility, and system load. The system has been operational and serving users since the summer of 2009.

In addition, I participated in legacy systems refactoring and modernization. Trip Advisor has accumulated an extremely large Java code base since 2000 that was in dire need of improvement. Finally, I designed and implemented a back-end analytics system to support lead and impression analysis in the vacation rental market. This system integrated data from several sources into a data warehouse that I designed. The goal was to provide custom reporting to business development staff who were constantly adjusting marketing and presentation in order to expand the business.

Software Engineer
Cambridge, MA

ITA Software Inc.
August 2005 – January 2009

I designed and implemented a high performance high availability software router for processing airline messages using custom airline industry protocols. As the project grew, I supervised the small group of developers who contributed. ITA is building an airline reservation system to replace large centralized mainframe systems at the heart of every airline. It processes tens of thousands of messages per second and it must remain continuously available for the airline to function: the message router is needed for almost every aspect of reservation operations including making reservations, ticketing, check ins, and flight tracking. In my role as technical lead, I was responsible for liaising with other groups and customer relationship managers as well as upper management. In order to meet the stringent performance requirements, the router made use of asynchronous networking, multi-threading, a predicate-based rule engine, and Oracle Advanced Queuing.

In addition, I designed and implemented the support needed to make ITA's airline reservation system process IATCI messages, which are used by airlines to check in passengers on flights operated by other airlines. This involved digging through documentation, discussion with the client and internal stakeholders, production of significant design documents, a large test suite, and a great deal of application code. IATCI is needed to check-in passengers, process their baggage, retrieve seat maps, validate passports, and check flight status.

I was also responsible for integrating ITA's global distribution system with a major new carrier. This required significant efforts at deciphering requirements from vast heaps of outdated customer documentation, extensive modifications of original the code base, continuous discussions with a quality assurance team and regular meetings with the customer. I also added support for entirely new messaging features such as real time flight information. I was also involved in performance tuning relating to our Oracle database and our object relational mapper.

Software Engineer
Cambridge, MA

Divmod Inc.
October 2004 – July 2005

I worked with a team of engineers to build a scalable high performance networking service. This service integrated email, voice, instant messaging and remote data stores while providing full text indexing and a variety of other services. I designed and implemented parts of this system in addition to reviewing code written by other developers and responding to customer requests by finding and resolving bugs. The system integrated users' communications into one application, not unlike Google does today.

Research Assistant
Cambridge, MA

MIT CSAIL
May, 2003 – May 2004

I designed, built, and tested a wireless sensor network used for human tracking in urban environments. As part of this work, I coauthored a paper in the International Journal of Telecommunications.

Student Researcher
Cambridge, MA

MIT AI Lab Dynamic Languages
Group
May 2001 - September 2001

I designed and built a static type inferencer for the Python language. This work eventually led to my Master's thesis.

Software Engineer
Cambridge, MA

ProfitLogic Inc.
April 2000 - January 2001

I designed and built large scale data processing and scientific computing engines used in ProfitLogic's flagship service. Our software set prices on several billion dollars of retail merchandise each week.

High speed networking consultant
New York City, NY

NetGain LLC
February 1999 - April 2000

I worked as an on site consultant for large financial corporations optimizing mission critical wide area networks and hunting down performance bottlenecks in global multi-tiered application environments. My colleagues and I were called in when problems become too complex for the in-house staff and other consultants.

Summer Intern
Holmdel, NJ

AT&T Bell Laboratories
Jun 1997 - Sep 1997

I work as an intern at AT&T Bell Laboratories, in the Undersea Systems Laboratory of B. Scott Jackson, developing an integrated testing and optimization system for a high speed, undersea, fiber optic communications system. I designed and built an extensible software test suite and integrated it with the lab's sophisticated test equipment.

Miscellaneous

Citizenship: US Citizen.

Grade Point Average: 4.8/5. (in major)

Computer Languages: Python, Java, C, C++, SQL, various assemblers, Matlab, Mathematica, Common Lisp, Scheme, Haskell, Bluespec, VHDL, LaTeX.

Operating Systems: Linux, TinyOS, Windows, Solaris.