NAME

Alex Karle - web, dev-tools, and infra engineer looking for open source and systems programming opportunities

SYNOPSIS

Proficient in: Python, Perl, JavaScript, Linux/*BSD system administration, and man(1) Experience with: Go, C, Docker, PostgreSQL, AWS, Terraform, HTML, CSS, and React

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Studio.com (formerly Monthly.com), Remote

2022-09 - Present Lead Tooling and Infrastructure Engineer

- Revived our data lake and visualization tooling, using dbt to transform data from PostgreSQL and DynamoDB into a unified Snowflake database enabling the first accurate insights into the health of our student population
- Designed and implemented a data structure and API for our curricula that reduced our bundle size by over 10% and enabled a custom CMS
- Collaborated with content teams to ingest 200+ curricula from their editing suite of choice (Notion) into the new data model, saving weeks of manual labor

2021-10 - 2022-09 Senior Software Engineer

- Overhauled our fragile payments system into a robust service that could support subscriptions and reduced audit time from hours of custom scripting to minutes
- Led new-hire training, knowledge-sharing meetings, and interviews

2021-03 - 2021-10 *Software Engineer*

- Designed and implemented our first curriculum CMS, reducing both simple and urgent content updates from 15m of eng time to 2m of support time
- Added the first observability and alerting to our backend infrastructure,
 immediately identifying and fixing important errors that had existed for months

MathWorks, Natick, MA

2018-09 - 2021-02 Software Engineer in Tooling

- Sped up local C++ builds by 2-3x through distributed compiler improvements
- Provisioned on-prem Linux servers and ensured testing machines provided accurate results through the development of custom healthcheck tooling

2018-07 - 2019-03 Associate Support Engineer

- Developed tools with the above team for half of my time
- Provided phone and email support for high-profile engineering customers for the other half of my time, coordinating complex cases with development

2017-05 - 2017-08 Software Engineering Intern (MATLAB Compiler)

- Enhanced detection and storage of .M file dependencies

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA

2018-01 - 2018-05 Machine Learning Research with Ben Marlin (Paid Position)

 Continued honors thesis development of an Active Learning labeling GUI, using model feedback to detect and suggest next best data to label in unlabeled video

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst (May 2018)

- Dual Degrees in Computer Science (BS), Mathematics (BS), GPA: 4.0
- Commonwealth Honors College, Dean's Scholarship, John and Abigail Adams Scholarship