

Jacob Casper

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

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Objective

Full stack developer with DevOps experience. Loves privacy by default. The kind of person who runs a local DNS. Interested in solving problems that make a difference.

Work Experience

IBM - SoftLayer

Dallas, Texas

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Apr. 2018 - Jan. 2021

- Created a distributed worker architecture using RabbitMQ that reduced runtime of a 20-hour batch process to minutes.
- Enable process visibility and communication between distributed services by creating a message passing framework.
- Designed alerting tool for Continuous Integration by scripting git internals to detect exact commit responsible for a test suite regression.
- Develop Influx queries for anomaly detection in API submissions to prevent revenue losses of \$1m/month.
- Scale billing systems that process billions of USD worth of customer transactions.

Skills

Languages Python, Go, Java, Bash, PHP, JavaScript

Technologies Linux, SQLite, PostgreSQL, Flask, RabbitMQ, systemd, Jenkins, InfluxDB

Practices CI/CD, Git, Docker, Cloud deployments, REST APIs, Unit Testing, Agile

Education

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, North Carolina

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dec. 2017

- 3.60 GPA

Projects

Open Austin

Austin, Texas

EVICTION HEARING SCRAPER

May 2020

- Open Data Initiative to create a data source for Austin, TX eviction cases to aid tenant action organizers during COVID-19 evictions.
- Infrastructure is also collecting historical eviction data for The Eviction Lab at Princeton University.
- Reverse engineer old-school ASP.NET form requirements, parse HTML data with BeautifulSoup.
- Optimized for streaming workloads as bulk datasets can exhaust single machine memory limits.
- Self-serve query and upload requests supported by a Flask application wrapping the parsing library.

Personal

Remote, Earth

MERCURYMS

Apr. 2020

- Media upload service that bridges Twilio MMS API with a NextCloud instance anywhere.
- Low footprint hand-rolled message queue implementation to allow replaying upload requests efficiently in light of network or service failure.
- Daemons handle adding work to message queue and communicating with listening service can be distributed across multiple machines.

Personal

Remote, Earth

SOCKGIT

Apr. 2020

- Rust daemon that simplifies manually creating and mirroring personal Git repositories with read-only access on any machine.
- Systemd service running on x86 and ARM instruction sets.

Avanade & NCSU

Raleigh, North Carolina

SENIOR DESIGN - CSIR

Aug. 2017 - Dec. 2017

- Built Django REST API that allows users to submit infrastructure requests
- Displayed data from REST API in ReactJS frontend application
- Pulled ongoing project data from ArcGIS using Python service