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Overview

I have worked with large and small clients from enterprises to startups. My primary focus is to solve problems with code and I usually end up working with ruby and python to implement solutions. Chef is my jam, but I've also worked with ansible in production environments. Terraform is fancy, but I usually prefer CloudFormation or DeploymentManager. I'm currently in a torrid love affair with PagerDuty.

Sr. Consultant and Engineer ThoughtWorks 2016 - 2017:

Worked in a slightly different capacity with TW. In this role I was able to stretch my legs as an actual product owner and drive a platform as a service product for a large company in Houston, Texas.

After this role I switched back to core operational devops engineering and worked on a platform product for a different company in Dallas, Tx. In this role I was able to crank out a platform product that the developers could use in about a month. This included an integration with nginx and consul-template which was really quite interesting and difficult.

Eventually I ended up back in the SF area working on windows docker container mechanics for a company doing metrics gathering.

In each role I was able to bring the same enthusiasm and drive that I normally bring. I found that the biggest challenge in these roles was encouraging the cultural shift that comes from teaching a client new technologies.

Consultant from 2010 - 2016:

Worked with large enterprise companies like HP, Intuit and HTC to build their DevOps culture and infrastructure.

Mostly worked with chef and cloudformation to create infrastructure that would solve the business requirements set forth by the product owners and business managers.

At HP I worked with a large, geographically diverse operational team to implement a tool I had created called "Bubba". Bubba was a security orchestration utility which used AD and chef to implement security gates in the bare metal data centers. These servers ran the various components that made up the openstack environment which comprised the HPCloud service offering.

Worked with Intuit and HTC on everything from security to operational orchestration and automation. Worked with business owners from time to time, but mostly flew pretty close to the development teams to make sure they had what they needed to deploy their awesomeness in a reliable way.

Given any role I aim to create relationships with our stakeholders and developers. I endeavor to build blame-free environments with proper, healthy feedback loops that allow

everyone to grow together as a team.