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EXPERIENCE

Merge.dev, Foundation Engineering — *Sr. Engineering Manager*

Jan 2026 - Current // San Francisco, CA

- Manage backend SWE + DevOps team owning Merge's underlying infra

Reddit, Infra Engineering — *Data Warehouse Engineering Manager*

Aug 2019 - Sep 2024 // San Francisco, CA

- Managed team of 15+ that supports 1000+ engineers and 65+ distinct teams (ML, search, ads, data science, product, etc...). Owned multiple Tier0 services
- Owned a 1YR+ roadmap to prepare data teams for Reddit's IPO, encompassing data governance, data quality, SOX, and privacy compliance
- Define, automate, & enforce best practices and patterns for working with data
- Owned Airflow, BigQuery infra (compute + storage), and 3rd party data viz tools for all of Reddit. Supported 20x growth in data volume
- Manage a 500PB data warehouse, a \$X00M GCP contract, and multiple 3rd party data export pipelines (GCP, AWS, OpenAI)

Reddit, Data Engineering — *Staff Data Scientist*

Aug 2017 - Aug 2019 // San Francisco, CA

- One of the founding members of Reddit's data team
- Built Reddit's first stats engine for automated A/B experiment analysis
- Standardized & scaled Reddit's Airflow ecosystem, built/managed pipelines supporting product, data, and finance teams
- Domain expert for Reddit's event infrastructure and schema(s)
- Reddit Architect member representing all of Data Platform; the architects group defines how the company makes engineering decisions and policy

KIXEYE, Data Engineering — *Lead Data Scientist*

Aug 2013 - May 2017 // San Francisco, CA

- Served as Data Science manager supporting live mobile games; staffed multiple data science & engineering teams from the ground up
- Built and maintained ETL framework for live game reporting
- Architected game data model for real-time reporting and analysis
- Presented experiment results and research analysis to executive team

Royall & Company — *Senior Business Analyst*

Aug 2008 - May 2013 // Richmond, VA

- Served as data liaison between engineering, sales, and analytics
- Owned analytics suite for all company & sales reporting

EDUCATION

University of Virginia — *B.S. Mechanical Engineering*

SKILLS

SDLC, data platform, career management, experimentation, machine learning, data science, event telemetry/instrumentation, data governance, service ownership/scaling, SRE process, ETL

TOOLS

Python, Airflow, Go, Scala, BigQuery, Airflow, Spark, Redshift, Snowflake, PostgreSQL, AWS, GCP, Grafana, Prometheus, git, Terraform, Kubernetes, Kafka, Flink, Mode, Tableau, Looker, Dataplex, Anomalo

WHAT I DO BEST

Data developer tooling, data platform architecture, data engineering, improving data quality, building systems focused on consistency/reliability/accuracy/performance, event telemetry, SOX compliance, privacy policy, cost & performance management, building teams, hiring, fostering data literacy across orgs, orchestrating long-term technical projects across teams

ABOUT

In my free time, I backcountry ski & climb

I have beaten all 27 teams in NBA Jam

There's nothing I can't organize