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Summary

Mike is a solutions driven professional with 10+ years of experience in the tech industry. He has filled various roles from technical support, frontend and backend development, system administration, networking, IT and DevOps. He is a problem solver and a changemaker who has a unique ability to understand high level concepts and requirements and translate those into actionable, meaningful results. He has a deep knowledge of containerization including Docker, Docker Swarm and Kubernetes. In his most recent role he was instrumental in laying the DevOps foundation at a fast growing software development startup. In this role he had the privilege and responsibility of implementing and overseeing CI/CD pipelines, Development and staging environments, cloud and on prem infrastructure provisioning, secrets management, deployments, qa and support.

Mike has provided invaluable thought leadership within this organization and was recognized for these efforts by being nominated for the 2023 DevOps Leader of the year award presented by the Chattanooga Technology Council.

His technical proficiencies include:

Docker, Kubernetes, Linux, TeamCity, SQL, AWS, Azure, React, TypeScript, PHP, NodeJS, Git, Ansible, Terraform, Nginx, Traefik.

Experience

Datably Inc **January 2023 - March 2024**
Lead DevOps Engineer Chattanooga TN
<https://www.datably.io/>

- Worked closely with the CEO and engineering teams to understand the unique needs and challenges facing the organization.
- Worked with a cross-functional team to implement modern techniques for application delivery (Continuous Delivery, GitOps, etc.).
- Provided thought leadership on infrastructure, architecture, and security matters across the organization.
- Worked with engineering leadership to assess and improve upon DevOps practices across the organization.
- Managed on premises infrastructure including Docker Swarm nodes, K8's clusters, Windows/Linux VM's as well as various infrastructure in AWS and Azure.
- Improved our security posture by implementing various technologies including secrets management and backup/disaster recovery strategies.

LegalEASE **June 2022 - January 2023**
Senior Full Stack Engineer Houston TX (Remote)
<https://legaleaseplan.com>

- Lead and mentored a team of junior engineers in various aspects of application development and delivery.
- Made critical infrastructure and tech stack decisions that lead the company forward in an attempt to modernize and automate business practices.
- Established standards and best practices related to automated testing, code reviews and developer experience.
- Played an instrumental role in green-fielding and launching a product used by internal teams as well as customers.
- Communicated with various stakeholders to understand the vast complexities of migrating existing systems and processes into a new framework.

The Morrison Agency **November 2020 - June 2022**
Senior Frontend Developer Atlanta GA (Remote)
<https://morrison.agency/>

- Worked closely with marketing and design teams to translate complex designs into high quality websites for well recognized global brands.
- Communicated with clients to understand their needs, pain points and unique challenges related to their brands.
- Directly contributed to key technology decisions related to Frontend design and CI/CD pipelines, web site hosting and maintance.
- Executed complex integrations across multiple SaSS and eCommerce applications.

Virtual Inc **September 2019 - November 2020**
Web Developer Wakefield MA (Remote)
<https://virtualinc.com/>

As a junior web developer I was responsible for translating designs into high quality Wordpress sites. I had the unique opportunity to work some large and influential industry associations including NFC Forum and PCI Security Standards Council.

Enxo LLC **December 2017 - January 2022**
Founder/Lead Engineer Chattanooga TN

In December of 2017 I decided to leave my full time job and start Enxo. Enxo provided device filtering and accountability software for individuals, churches, and businesses. I developed and maintained both the front and back end software for this platform, although a good chunk of the web proxy filtering application was open source. I also stood up on prem servers and VPN infrastructure. I used a popular MDM platform to manage mobile devices.

Calvary Chapel Chattanooga **April 2015 - December 2017**
IT Network Professional Chattanooga TN
<http://calvarychatt.com>

- Installed, upgraded and maintained network infrastructure including routers, switches, wireless access points and site to site wireless links.
- Maintained children's check in systems.
- Handled day to day help desk tasks including on-boarding for a staff of around 50 people.
- Implemented web filtering and accountability software for staff and members of the body.
- Developed software and automation to assist with day to day activities supporting various ministries.

Volunteering

ChaDev **March 2023 - Present**
Head Organizer Chattanooga TN
<https://www.meetup.com/chadevs/>

In March of 2023 I had the privilege to step up as the head organizer of Chadev, a thriving developer community in Chattanooga that almost ended after 10+ years due to Covid and life happening. I believe that Chadev is incredibly important to our community and I wasn't prepared to see it die. Since bringing back regular lunch talks we have seen the community begin to grow and blossom in many new ways.

DevOps Days Chattanooga **July 2023**
Organizer Chattanooga TN

As an organizer for DevOpsDays Chattanooga I have the honor and privilege of helping plan and organize DevOps days for our community. I participate in regular meetings with other organizers and sit on various committees to help organize an plan the event.

Certifications

Comptia Network+ **2009**
Comptia

Awards

DevOps Leader of the year 2023 Finalist **September 2023**
Chattanooga Technology Council
https://www.chatech.org/2023techx_finalists.html

I was honored to be nominated for this award and to stand beside some of my colleagues in the industry.