NICHOLAS KACHUR

Amiable Technologist

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SUMMARY

Seasoned software engineer seeking full stack roles involving a variety of impactful, short-to-medium term projects. Interested in developing healthy work environments and mentoring junior teammates.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages Python, C#, SQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Perl, Bash, Zsh
Development Tools Git/GitHub/GitLab, CI/CD Tools, Ansible, Cron, Vim
OSes, Frameworks, etc. macOS, Linux, Windows, Django, jQuery, SAML

EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Application Developer

October 2022 - Present

- Built a Python Django application to search for precedent within student exception requests. Set up Apache, Gunicorn, and SAML single sign-on using Ansible.
- Extracted university constituent details to surface in mailing lists, customer service tools, and more. Used Python, Oracle SQL, APIs, SFTP, and Cron.
- Automated project deployments using Ansible configuration management.
- Determined student eligibility for software licenses using Python, Oracle SQL, etc.
- Analyzed and occasionally modified legacy Perl apps to support ongoing operations.
- Maintained invoicing and company card reconciliation in a Mendix low-code website.
- Actively fostered a healthy team dynamic, e.g., kickstarting an informal weekly lunch.

Susquehanna International Group, LLP

Bala Cynwyd, PA

Software Engineer

June 2020 - October 2022

- Prevented costly mistakes in pricing configuration, session assignments, and application crashes by fixing bugs and developing features in legacy C# .NET management apps.
- Brought an error-prone, command-line, connection manager to a user-friendly web form with C# ASP.NET, JavaScript, and jQuery behind Windows single sign-on.
- Took ownership of an order activity monitor, completing its rollout to production and delivering new features in a Python project utilizing streamed message parsing.
- Automated business readiness reports using Python, MySQL, and HTML/CSS emails.
- Responded to production incidents as part of a weekly, business hours support rotation.
- Mentored student workers and junior teammates informally and in code review.

- Interviewed student worker candidates as part of two-person technical interview teams.
- Presented on my team's migration to GitLab for source control and CI/CD.
- Collaborated with colleagues using Jira and Confluence project management tools.

Test Automation Software Engineer

January 2018 - June 2020

- Prevented broken financial logic entering production by writing automated tests, investigating failures, and either escalating to responsible developer or proposing fixes.
- Responded to build system and CI/CD help requests within my department.
- Led virtual scrum meetings through video and text chats for a team of twelve.

Test Automation Software Co-op

March - September 2016

• Simplified my team's integration testing harness with a selective rewrite of the core functionality, trimming about 6,000 net lines of legacy code. This new harness was still in daily use 6 years later.

Apple Inc.

Cupertino, CA

Systems Administration Co-op

September 2014 - March 2015

- Drafted and tested a VMware vSphere upgrade in a large corporate environment.
- Automated virtual machine reboots using the VMware vSphere Perl SDK.

Drexel University

Philadelphia, PA

Assistant Systems Administrator

April - September 2014

- Fixed various Linux issues under supervision, e.g., daemons not running, missing user accounts, and servers not responding.
- Customized theme and structure of a student-facing WordPress website.

EDUCATION

Drexel University, Pennoni Honors College

Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

City of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA

Mental Health First Aid Certificate

May 2023