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Engineering Manager

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JUST SOME OF WHAT I CAN BRING

- The ability to build and run **happy and effective software engineering teams**.
- A **pragmatic focus** on business needs whilst balancing that against code maintainability.
- **15+ years of industry experience** as an engineer; I know what's possible, what's realistic and I know when the wool is being pulled over my eyes.
- **Effective, professional communication** with external parties and internal stakeholders.
- Raising up entire engineering departments to foster **knowledge sharing, improved morale** and more.
- Being the **calm presence** that people look to during incidents or turbulent times.
- **Mentoring and coaching** engineers around both technical and soft-skills.
- 15+ years working with **startups and early stage companies**. I am used to and am comfortable wearing many hats.
- A **positive and happy attitude** to my work that I am told is infectious and rubs off on others!

TECH I'VE WORKED WITH

- **Languages:** Go, PHP, Python, Javascript
- **Frameworks:** Vue, React, Laravel, Fiber
- **Devops:** Distributed systems, Kubernetes, Docker, Google Cloud, AWS etc.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Engineering Manager LloydsDirect March 2022 - Current

My role at Lloyds Direct is to support my product team, its engineers and the wider engineering department both technically and with coaching / mentoring.

My team's purpose is to bring new revenue streams to the company that extend beyond it's core product to which we've shipped several large-scale projects that span across entire departments and multiple stakeholders. Our stack is Go, React, Kubernetes and Google Cloud.

Frontend Engineering Lead (NDA) March 2017 - March 2022

Hambro Roofing have been using technology to optimise as many parts of their business as possible. I have partnered with them extensively to help create a central platform that all jobs, estimates, accounting, assets and more are managed in.

I spent a huge chunk of time working closely with them to help build out a next-generation estimation tool that is now being turned into a standalone digital product to sell within their industry.

I lead a small team of engineers and co-ordinated the development work on this project to build their new estimation tool.

Senior Engineer smartbnb (now hospitable) December 2018 - October 2020

Built and owned the entire rebuild and maintenance of the application's API. Ownership of Kubernetes implementation for the development tooling pipeline. Responsible for ensuring all code and architecture runs at a scale where multiple tables often reached over hundreds of millions of rows.

Lead Developer Crown Worldwide Flex 2014 - 2020

I worked directly with a business development manager for a small startup to build an innovative new tool for the global relocation industry. We worked closely together over a number of years identifying customer pain points and iterating on the product.

Eventually with enough polish and iterations we had prospective buyers interested in buying the business. Crown Worldwide purchased the business and I helped integrate the software into their existing IT infrastructure.

OUTSIDE OF WORK

- Laravel Certification Programme Support Material Creator
- Laravel London / VueJS London Speaker / Podcaster
- Fitness / Yoga / Running Enthusiast