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## Education

**Ph.D. & M.A.**, Music, Harvard University, 2015

Dissertation: *A computational model of music composition*

Documents low and high-level APIs, techniques and tooling for modeling music notation and symbolic music composition in Python, along with examples of musical works built using these tools.

**M.A.**, Music, Harvard University, 2015

**B.Mus.**, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, 2006

## Employment

**Staff Software Engineer**, Cortico AI, 2021-

- Reorganized unmanaged legacy AWS infrastructure into Terraform managed infrastructure following best practices like network and environment separation.
- Implemented “one-click” GitOps deployment pipeline for entire application stack in GitHub actions with ArgoCD.
- Reorganized legacy monolithic codebase to make service oriented architecture obvious, and dead code elimination possible.
- Instituted enforcement of formatting, linting and static type analysis in CI.
- Spearheaded integration of new technologies into existing ecosystem, such as GraphQL, asyncio, and Celery.
- Integrated OpenTelemetry distributed tracing for inter-service monitoring.

**Master Software Engineer**, Capital One, 2020-2021

- Assisted with migration of core account and transaction processing off of legacy mainframes and into modern cloud-native implementations.
- Maintained over a dozen Cassandra clusters, addressed security vulnerabilities and other enterprise compliance issues, developed in-house tooling for managing Cassandra schema migrations.
- Implemented Docker-Compose- and Kubernetes-based flavors of performance- and integration-testing environments for hybrid containerized/serverless systems, including push-button pipelines for provisioning K8S-based environments.
- On-call for service outages, incidents, and late-night systems maintenance.

**Senior Software Engineer**, Capital One, 2018-2020

- Implemented local integration testing for hybrid servered/serverless systems using Docker-Compose, LocalStack, Serverless and Terraform.
- Modernized build pipelines for speed and legibility, wrote shared pipeline libraries, and integrated Jenkins with Slack for better build status visibility.
- Developed workflows for packaging and deploying Serverless applications within CapitalOne’s ecosystem.
- Triaged security compliance issues.
- Maintained legacy hotel arbitrage monolith service, added extensive testing, and prepared for switchover to next-generation replacement.

- Architected next-gen event-sourced/CQRS system for hotel arbitrage.
- Implemented entity-resolution microservice for matching hotel names and addresses against Priceline’s dataset.
- On-call for service outages and incidents.

**Developer**, Discogs, 2015-2018

- Refactored and extended test coverage on a large legacy Python 2.7 codebase.
- Developed new features to support the buyer and seller experience, including an improved record collection feature and shipping labels.
- Created and deployed containerized applications to Discogs’ Kubernetes cluster.
- On-call for Discogs’ central authentication service.

**Research Technical Assistant**, MIT Music and Theater Arts Department, 2013-2014

- Implemented API documentation system.
- Refactored and parallelized musical corpus metadata population and search.
- Optimized musical data structures for rapid lookups by timing information.

**Teaching Assistant**, Harvard University, 2010-2014

- Taught courses at the graduate and undergraduate level in digital signal processing, interactive software for artists, sound reinforcement, acoustics and music theory.
- Led students in installing massively-multi-channel speaker arrays.

**Programmer**, Forced Exposure, 2006-2008

- Implemented automated documentation preparation workflows for product catalogs and email campaigns.
- Assisted in creation of new B2C mail-order website.

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** Python (since 2009), with additional experience in Golang, Java & Node

**Development Tools:** Unix command line environment, git, vim, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GitHub Actions & Jenkins, Docker & Docker-Compose, Terraform, Vault & AWS, Kubernetes, ArgoCD, Kustomize & Helm, Datadog, Sentry, Metabase, New Relic, Prometheus

**Databases:** MySQL & PostgreSQL, DynamoDB, Redis, Memcached

**Python-specific Tools:** aiohttp, boto3, celery, django, flask, mypy, numpy, pytest, sphinx, sqlalchemy, starlette, etc.

## Open-Source Software Development (Selected)

**Supriya**, Author, 2013-, “A Python interface to SuperCollider”

*Documentation:* <http://supriya-project.github.io/supriya/>

*Source:* <https://github.com/supriya-project/supriya>

**Abjad**, 2009-, “A Python API for Formalized Score Control”

*Contributions:* multiple ply-based syntax parsers, documentation tools, document processing pipelines

*Documentation:* <http://projectabjad.org> | *Source:* <https://github.com/Abjad/abjad>

References available upon request

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