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# **Objectives**

To lead briliant teams to create exceptional software products. To do something beyond what I've already done. To practice engineering as an art. To continually develop process and product without settling into comfortable ruts. To help keep an organization vibrant and healthy by fostering sufficient change and growth to provide constant renewal. To contribute to a group that is open to honest reflection and self-awareness. To find and work among the best, most creative, and talented people in the world.

# Experience

16 years managing developers, 9 years managing managers

2020 - present Senior Engineering Manager MathWorks, Inc., Natick, MA (makers of MATLAB & Simulink)

2008 - 2020 **Engineering Manager**  ends, and UI building platforms for the graphical languages Simulink and Stateflow. These are the core diagram editors and user interfaces driving a \$200M suite of products for Model-Based Design and Systems Engineering. Simulink simulations and generated code enable nearly every modern spacecraft, airplane, and automobile.

2006 - 2008 Senior Team Lead

Organizational contributions

2005 - 2006

• Built and run an organization comprising seven teams in the US and India

Principal Software Developer  Mentored and directed scores of developers and managers over the years as my role has grown from an individual contributor to area lead

I built and now lead the constellation of teams with responsibility for the diagram editors, front

2004 - 2005 Senior Software Developer

- I serve on multiple advisory boards including ones overseeing core application architecture, development processes, and standards.
- Developed customized processes and tools to eliminate overhead and streamline development

Responsible for generating and communicating area-wide long and mid-term strategy

#### **Technical contributions**

Beyond the countless features, systems, and technologies that teams in my area develop, I have

- Led and shipped a complete rewrite and unification of the Simulink and Stateflow editors and their "Studio" environment. An enormous years-long effort spanning multiple teams. I learned a great deal about how to manage large development efforts. (https://www.upfork.com/ue)
- Started a cross-language data modeling framework that now serves as the de-facto starting point for most new features in MathWorks' \$1.3B portfolio.
- Developed a 2d C++ scene graph for diagram rendering and interaction.
- Designed a dynamic graphics system in JS/SVG for implementing rich, interactive block icons.
- Established a view-model-based UI framework to move C++/Qt UIs to JS/HTML without requiring our hundreds of clients to rewrite their code.
- Produced a "web-diagram" framework for JS/HTML diagram editors with C++/MATLAB backends.
- Oversaw the transition from menus and toolbars to a complete JS/HTML "toolstrip" exposing and organizing over 1,200 product actions.
- Led the construction of a Class Diagram editor for MATLAB classes and packages
- Initiated the teams and technology now bringing Simulink and Stateflow to online workflows
- Simplified software component management with a "component generator," and code forensics with a submission search tool that are used throughout the company.
- I still submit C++, MATLAB, and JavaScript code and tests regularly but am careful not to put myself on a critical path.

2003 - 2004 MetaServer, Inc., New Haven, CT

Software Developer Worked with a small team of developers on a visual data-flow mapping product. (Java, Swing, JSP)

Fall - Spring 2003 - 2004 Yale University School of Architecture, New Haven, CT

> Lecturer Developed and taught two highly rated classes in computational design for MArch grad students

1997 - 1999 Friends Seminary, New York, NY

High School Teacher Taught high school AP Computer Science, Geometry, American Literature, and Creative Writing;

Track Coach coached track team; advised student newspaper; taught 5/6th grade drama.

1995 - 1997 Bloomberg, LP, New York, NY

Software Developer Authored a financial commodity spreadsheet application and user interface that updated in real-

## Education

2001-2003 Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Masters of Media Arts As a researcher in John Maeda's Aesthetics + Computation Group, I designed and developed and Sciences

systems for human-computer interaction. I implemented AR 15 years before it became easy. Thesis

entitled "Spatial Computing." http://acg.media.mit.edu/people/simong

1999 - 2001 School of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Candidate, MArch I completed two years of the Masters of Architecture program before leaving to become a researcher

at the Media Lab.

1991 - 1995 Yale University, New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Science Double-majored in English & Applied Math with a concentration in Computer Science.

Cum laude, Distinction in both majors

I was a child programmer (BASIC  $\rightarrow$  6502 Assembly  $\rightarrow$  C  $\rightarrow$  C++  $\rightarrow$  Java), so I eat and breathe lan-Skills

guages, technologies, idioms, and architectures. The rest I learned on the job.

Organizational

Hiring; mentoring; working smoothly with a cross-functional team including QE, UX, Doc, Marketing; project management; prioritization; organizational alignment; restructures; negotiation; business and technical strategy; agenda-setting; developing metrics; picking battles; playing the long game;

performance management; unhiring.

**Technical** 

Development Software development lifecycle, Agile/Scrum, developing requirements, testing, UML, OOD/A, desk-

top systems architecture, UI design patterns, async programming, functional style

Git, Perforce, webpack, gmake, CMake, Maven, npm, Visual C++, VSCode, PlantUML, MagicDraw Tools

Languages Current: C++, JavaScript, MATLAB, HTML/CSS

Historical/Hobby: Java, Ruby, SQL, C, Fortran, Scheme, Scala, Haskell, Pascal, BASIC, Assembly

Learning now: TypeScript, Go, Dart

Current: Qt, DOM + HTML Custom Elements, NodeJS Frameworks

Historical/Hobby: React, Redux, Swing, ¡Query, MFC, ¡OS, Flex, Electron

Learning now: Flutter

Data stores Historical: Sqlite, MySQL, Postgres, MongoDB, Redis

Hobby: Neo4j, Arango

Libraries & APIs STL, Boost, Qt, OpenGL, Processing, VTK, OpenCV, IPP, TBB, ANTLR, countless npm packages

Distributed systems Learning now: System design, Docker, Kubernetes, Kafka, Zookeeper, Spark, etc.

#### Everything else

Running (qualified for the Boston Marathon and ran it in 2019), gardening, cooking, reading, writing

### Statement

You may not see experience with some areas you were hoping to. Chances are, I'm applying for a job that builds on rather than replicates my previous experience. That's because I want to continue to learn and grow both technically and operationally. As a hiring manager, I know how much more difficult it is to determine a candidate's capacity for growth than their existing expertise. What sets me apart is not what I'm already expert in, but how quickly I become expert in new paradigms, technical or otherwise. I commonly become a go-to resource for systems or processes I started working in only recently. My fundamentals are solid enough, broad enough, and deep enough that I have a framework to integrate almost anything that comes.

When software systems are designed and executed well enough, the emergent behaviors can be almost magical. That's the pursuit that keeps me going.