# **Nicolas Hery**

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Software engineer and engineering manager with 10+ years of experience working on web applications that solve real business problems and offer a delightful user experience. Focused on building maintainable and reliable software, as well as creating and leading high-performing and empowered teams.

# Experience

Jan 2023 -Present

#### Staff Software Engineer

SimSpace, Montreal

- Led the development of a highly requested feature to help automate scoring for Cyber Range training events, introducing new
  techniques to the team such as rapid prototyping, using real data for development and testing, collaborative technical design
  sessions, and using asynchronous APIs for long-running tasks
- Worked on internal guidelines and best practices for building web services in Haskell, notably to standardize and simplify the
  patterns used in the code, and improve the maintenance and onboarding experience
- Coordinated the work of an external team of consultants for a major compiler upgrade on the organization's largest Haskell codebase

Jan 2020 -Dec 2022

## Engineering Manager

SimSpace, Montreal

- Engineering manager leading a high-performing and cross-functional feature team composed of product owner, UX designers, frontend and backend engineers
- Improved product delivery flow by establishing clear product requirements, technical designs, meeting notes, increasing
  frontend and backend collaboration through pairing and API documentation, and building a sense of product ownership among
  engineers
- Helped create and staff a separate infrastructure team with a focus on CI/CD platform and developer tooling, increasing overall
  productivity of the engineering organization
- Created a centralized internal engineering documentation site which improved knowledge sharing and retention, with content
  authored in Markdown that is searchable, discoverable, and version-controlled

Aug 2018 -Dec 2019

#### Senior Software Engineer

SimSpace, Montreal

- Backend software engineer, worked on core web platform providing Cyber Range management and Network Specification editing capabilities
- Planned, designed, and implemented major features such as a library of reusable network elements (virtual machine templates, configuration modules)
- Improved the onboarding experience of software engineers by creating a new hire checklist, recording product walkthroughs, and generating a seed database to bootstrap local environments
- Technology used: Haskell, TypeScript, PostgreSQL, Kubernetes

Sep 2015 -Jul 2018

#### Senior Software Engineer

**Busbud, Montreal** 

- Full-stack web developer working on the customer website (busbud.com), as well as backend services (REST API, internal tools)
- Delivered major projects by communicating with stakeholders, designing data models and interfaces, producing technical specifications, and coding the implementation
- Increased confidence in deployment and code maintainability, by introducing TypeScript and other static analysis tools, leveraging a new end-to-end testing framework, improving monitoring and logging, and prioritizing tasks to reduce technical debt
- Improved website performance, by reducing client-side JavaScript bundle sizes, finding opportunities to optimize code execution, implementing pagination for the search page
- Grew the team by interviewing candidates, onboarding new team members, writing documentation, being a prolific code reviewer, mentoring and teaching (gave lunch & learn presentations on TypeScript, and Algebraic Data Types)
- Technology used: TypeScript/JavaScript, Node.js, React, PostgreSQL, Redis

Jan 2015 -Aug 2015

#### Web Developer

Self-employed, Montreal

- Worked with a startup to build the prototype of a solution that helps small businesses manage their data (Haskell, Node.js)
- Built the interface of an MVP used to explore a large database of industry data and visualize key metrics (React, Python)

Oct 2013 - Contract Web Developer
Dec 2014 Tidepool, Paris & Montreal

Worked remotely for the non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the burden of Type-1 Diabetes

- · Helped build the core platform which synchronizes diabetes data from many medical devices
- Built with a small team of developers the MVP version of Blip, a web-based data visualization tool
- · Technology used: JavaScript, React, Go

Jan 2010 -May 2013

### **Data Analyst**

FreshDirect, New York

- · Built a web application that aggregates data from multiple systems and generates a demand forecasting Excel sheet
- Implemented a pilot program that uses an innovative cloud-based product forecasting service
- · Wrote and implemented several scripts to transform and load data, as well as automate redundant tasks
- · Technology used: Python, Java, Apache POI

Oct 2009 -Dec 2009

# Student Project

Google, New York

- · Managed a team of students from Columbia University on a project for Google's Operations Research group
- · Used Python to simulate job scheduling in data centers and optimize the algorithm to decrease power consumption

May 2009 -Jul 2009

### **Intern Consultant**

Cylad Consulting, France

- · Worked with a team of consultants for Airbus on the project planning of the Airbus 350 XWB
- · Developed an Excel VBA tool to create Gantt charts from the main scheduling platform's data

# **Education**

2009 -

#### **Columbia University**

2010 MS in Operations Research, New York

· Selected coursework: Deterministic and Stochastic Models, Corporate Finance, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain

2007 -2009

#### **Ecole Centrale de Nantes**

MS in Industrial Engineering, France

• Selected coursework: Probability and Statistics, Calculus, Economics, International Strategy

# **Skills**

Languages

TypeScript, Haskell, Go, Rust

Technologies

PostgreSQL, Redis, Docker, Kubernetes