



Paul Cowan

SemanticBits, LLC

Herndon, VA (full-time remote)

Senior Software Engineer

Feb 2017 – Present

Legacy JEE Support – Provided expert development and debugging support during conversion from legacy JEE (JBoss, EJB, JMS, Struts, Spring) architecture to a cloud based microservice architecture.

Microservice Architectures – Participated in the design and coding of 3 incrementally more advanced working prototypes as part of a broad architecture modernization to cloud microservices: Spring/PostgreSQL, Ruby/DynamoDB, Python/Flask/DynamoDB/Redis/Elasticsearch.

Python Microservices – Coded multiple REST endpoint microservices using Python, Flask, Swagger, DynamoDB, Redis, Lambda, S3, SQS, Elasticsearch, TraviCI, Docker, and GitHub. Lead design sessions, conducted code reviews, trained junior developers on best practices, API design with Swagger, unit testing, mocking, and CI/DI integration.

Docker Environment – Initiated, setup, and configured developer Docker environment (both legacy JEE and MS). Evangelized and trained team on Docker and Docker Compose usage and best practices.

CI/CD Pipeline – Worked with cloud engineers as the development POC on a GitHub/TravisCI/AWS based CI/CD Pipeline. Debugged various Docker, Travis, and AWS issues in code and environments.

BDD Tests – Collaborated with QA engineers to automate BDD integration tests using Cucumber and TravisCI on the CI/CD pipeline.

USA Technologies, Inc

Malvern, PA (partial remote)

Senior Software Engineer

Sept 2014 – Feb 2017

Transaction Processing Systems – Made enhancements and bug fixes to USAT Technologies' real-time financial transaction processing systems using Java, JEE, Jetty, and Oracle SQL.

Web Services – Coded SOAP based web services using Apache Axis and Oracle SQL. Streamlined service development by introducing JAX-WS and Hibernate Validator declarative service descriptors.

Reporting Systems – Enhanced transaction reporting systems using Java, Oracle SQL, Stored Procedures, HTML, JavaScript, and JQuery.

Continuous Integration – Improved release quality and general respect for the development team by initiating continuous integration and training developers on proper JUnit and regression testing practices.

Caucho Technology

San Diego, CA (full-time remote)

Senior Software Engineer

October 2010 – June 2014

Resin 4.0 – Added features, fixed bugs, and wrote tests, while being careful to maintain performance, thread safety, and spec compatibility.

EL 3 – Implemented JEE 7 EL 3 parser for Resin 5.0. This included

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My goal is to find simple solutions to complex problems with minimal direction and least effort.

18+ years of software development experience focused on enterprise middleware and distributed systems.

Excellent communicator respected by management while always keeping a hand in the code.

Experienced leader that other engineers naturally look to for help and advice.

Passionate about open-source technologies; active contributor to several communities.

Extensive understanding of JEE technologies having worked as a JEE6 application server staff developer.

Contributed the WebSocket Client tutorial to the official JBoss Quickstart on GitHub.

Python convert and loving it.

IoT tinkerer and self-taught electrical engineer interested in circuit board design and product engineering.

Unix, Linux, OSX shell hacker good with Perl, Python, bash, vi, awk, etc.

7 years of payment card industry experience dealing with PCI and SOX compliance intricacies.

National Institute of Health, NACI Level 1 Clearance (Non-Sensitive).

Active member of the Philadelphia Area Java Users' Group (Philly JUG) and Valley Forge Technology Group.

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lambda expressions, stream operations on a collection, and static calls among others enhancements. Executed JEE 7 TCK compliance testing. Interacted with EL 3 expert group regarding issues.

Baratine – Contributed to the design and architecture of Caucho's next generation Java application service framework. Baratine is a new breed ultra high performance in-memory Microservice platform.

JavaOne – Engineer on-site at Caucho's booth during the 2011 and 2012 JavaOne conferences. Gave a live recorded video interview about Resin for InfoQ online tech magazine.

Monospace Software LLC
Downingtown, PA

Owner Engineer
September 2010 – Present

I started my own company in 2010 as a means to pursue independent projects and contract opportunities.

KegNet (Inactive) – www.kegnetwork.com – KegNet allowed home beer Kegerator owners to track and remotely view their beer keg volume, consumption, refrigerator temperature, and socialize with other enthusiasts. I developed both the client hardware (custom designed circuit-board on a Raspberry Pi) and server software. The server used the JEE7 technology stack on JBoss Wildfly; JSF (PrimeFaces), JPA (Hibernate), CDI (Weld), JAX-RS (RESTEasy), Jackson, and MySQL, on a Linux virtual environment.

NOKIA/NAVTEQ – Traffic.com
Chesterbrook, PA

Senior Architect, October 2009 – October 2010
Lead Engineer, July 2009 – October 2009
Senior Engineer, October 2007 – July 2009

User Profile – Served as lead engineer for a 5 person development team of Java and Database developers on a full cycle development effort. Project utilized UML, JEE5 with JPA, Hibernate, Spring, Oracle, and JBoss.

AMQP – Led a large-scale effort to move from an EJB service based architecture to a message driven pipelined architecture. Designed evaluations, performed benchmarks, wrote prototypes, made recommendations.

TEQTalk – Conducted 1.5 hour long “brown bag talk” for approximately 100 R&D employees titled “Heterogeneous High-Speed Asynchronous Messaging” on AMQP, JMS, and asynchronous messaging systems.

QA Test Tool – Created an innovative Maven plugin that united the open source load-testing tool Grinder with Maven. Enabled QA to test without engineer assistance by writing basic Jython language statements.

USA Technologies, Inc
Malvern, PA

Senior Application Developer
July 2003 – October 2007

Served as lead developer on a 5 person development/support team. Migrated legacy Perl applications to Java while improving speed, scalability, and security. Introduced software development processes; Bugzilla, Wiki, CVS, and migration planning. Received USA Technologies “Outstanding Contribution” award 2004.

InternetSeer.com, Inc
Thornton, PA

Network Applications Specialist
October 2000 – July 2003

Geisinger Health System
Hershey, PA

Technical Analyst
February 1999 – October 2000

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Millersville University, Millersville, PA, May 1999
- Sun Certified Programmer for the Java 2 Platform, November 9, 1999