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INFORMATION [lrudolph \(AT\) hmc \(DOT\) edu](mailto:lrudolph(AT)hmc(DOT)edu)

EDUCATION **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA
M.S. Computer Science

Jan. 2017 - May 2019

Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA
B.S. Physics

Sept. 2012 - May 2016

- **Major Concentration in Physics with Computers**
- Senior Capstone: *Atomistic Simulations of White Dwarf Dynamics (LLNL)*

SKILLS Go, Python, SQL, Java, bash, git
Terraform, Docker, Kubernetes, Helm, Puppet
Apache Kafka, Apache Flink, Amazon Web Services
Bazel, gRPC, Protobuf, Temporal, Open Policy Agent
Prometheus, Grafana

WORK
EXPERIENCE **Principal Software Engineer (VideoAmp)**

Mar. 2022 - present

As a member of the Infrastructure & Security Engineering team at VideoAmp, my role involves developing core gRPC APIs in Go. I am involved in enhancing our Identity and Access Management systems and resource-sharing APIs. My responsibilities also include modernizing our event-driven architecture (EDA) and establishing developer patterns for projects leveraging EDA. My cross-domain role also involves provisioning new infrastructure using Terraform, as well as writing Open Policy Agent policies in Rego. Additionally, I design, develop, and maintain Temporal workflows to execute platform business logic and ensure data consistency.

Technologies used: Go, Bazel, Protocol Buffers, gRPC, PostgreSQL, Apache Kafka, Docker, Kubernetes, Helm, AWS, Terraform, Temporal, Open Policy Agent, Datadog, CloudEvents, Snowflake

Software Engineer (Yelp)

Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2022

As a member of the Streaming Applications team at Yelp, I worked on maintaining and improving the data streaming infrastructure and interfaces used by Yelp's Kafka-based data pipeline ecosystem, which ingests tens of billions of messages each day. I designed a cost-reduction system for deprecating unused Avro schemas and Kafka topics. I also participated in the on-call rotation as the first-line incident responder, responsible for the full fleet of production Kafka clusters, logging infrastructure, and stream processing infrastructure. Additionally, I contributed to the architecture and development of a custom Kafka Kubernetes operator, as well as the migration of Kafka clusters from EC2 to a k8s-based internal compute platform.

Technologies used: Apache Kafka, Apache Flink, Apache Beam, Python, Go, Java, Scala, Docker, Kubernetes, AWS, Terraform, Puppet, bash, Prometheus, Thanos, Grafana, SignalFx, Splunk

Back-End Developer (BigNerve)

May 2016 - Oct. 2019

I wrote and maintained code, tests, and documentation for BigNerve's [innovator incubator API](#). I trained new back-end team members and led the development of new API features.

Technologies used: Go, SQL, bash, AWS, Google Cloud Platform, Elasticsearch, Docker

TECHNICAL
WRITING **Kafka on Kubernetes at Yelp**

Dec. 2021, Mar. 2022

I wrote a series of engineering blog posts detailing Yelp's Kubernetes-based Kafka deployment model and migration strategy.

<https://engineeringblog.yelp.com/2021/12/kafka-on-paasta-part-one.html>

<https://engineeringblog.yelp.com/2022/03/kafka-on-paasta-part-two.html>