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# Highlights

Desinged & Built from Scratch

- Search/Recommendations Pipeline, 160+ million requests daily
- Catalog Sync Engine, analyses, enriches & indexes 1TB+ catalog data
- Inter-region/datacenter, cloud agnostic infra & network Topology
- In-House AI Pipeline using S3/Parquet Datalake & Kubeflow

## Currently Working On

New Analytics/Reporting Pipeline, using Apache Flink, Clickhouse/Big Query & Apache Superset. [ Beta ]

#### Work Experience

## **NETCORE/UNBXD**

**Director Of Engineering [ 2022 - Present ]** 

- New search-index on ARM with, **20-30%** better query performance
- New query-engine for search-index with support for new query types
  - Uses Custom DSL for communication
  - AST for DSL translation
  - 10-15% better query formation efficiency for existing use cases
- Analytics/Reporting Pipeline [ Beta ]. Still in Active Development
- Product features
  - Improved User-Segmentation Support, improved latency by 40%
  - Design improvement to handles increase in scale for Recs stack
  - Improvements to Schema/Lifecycle management services
- Git based CD Pipeline (Gitops/FluxCD)
- Internal API Gateway handling inter-team API call
- ProtoBuf & GRPC adoption for Inter-Service communication
  - Improves overall data transfer times by 20% for requests
- UI Reporting improvements and warehousing using BigQuery

## Catalog Ingestion Pipeline

2022-23

- Event Driven Workflow Design
- Auto-scalable based on data size & rate of ingestion
- Integrating Netcore's Marketing Tech with Unbxd for Recs
- **Document Store** for storing Catalog Data
  - Improved the serving latency by 30% by reducing the data overhead

## Architect [ 2019 - 2022 ]

- **■** Inter Service Request Router
  - Decides Network Topology based on Request Params
  - Uses Service DAG to handle routing

Engineer with ~14 yoe with expertise in high performance, scalable systems & cloud infrastructure.

## **Skills**

- Information Retrieval
- Distributed Systems
- Architecture Design

## Languages

- Go
- Java

#### **Education**

B.Tech (2006-10)

Manipal Institute of Technology
(Sikkim)

#### Links

- uknth.me
- uknth/dotfiles
- uknth/homelab

# **#Tags From Resume**

Solr, Microservices
Argo Workflows, Apache Flink
Apache Kafka, FluxCD
NATS, Go, Java, CockroachDB
EMR, Storm, Parquet, Datalake
ElasticSearch, Kubernetes

## **■** Event Driven Cross Region Communication

- Reliable inter-region sync of configuration & metadata
- Built on top of NATS (nats.io)
- Design of **Datalake** built with S3 & Parquet, **AI Pipeline** built on top of Kubeflow
  - Custom orchestrator handling model training, custom libraries handling data
- Standarization of internal libraries
  - Go (Starter Project, Common Library github.com/unbxd/go-base)
  - Java (Starter project based on Quarkus)
- Multiple Service Contributions across the stack
   Orchestrator, Query Analysis, Promotions, Tracker Service, Analytics Pipeline etc.

# Senior Software Engineer [ 2014-2019 ]

- Edge Server, handling incoming request & inter-region routing
  - HTTP API Gateway
  - Handles all http-filter/http-middleware workload like logging, tracing etc.

# ■ Distributed Centralized Configuration System

- Heirarchal rule system based on tiers and groups
- Built on DGraph & NATS (for watching changes)

## Query Pipeline

- From a single Monolith to Microservices Based Architecture
- Service separation of concern
- Custom Index Solution built on Solr(6.6)'s Fork
- Custom Solr-Plugin, Query Parser, Similarity Class, Search Component etc.

## PARABLU INC.

Product Engineer [ May, 2013 - Jan, 2014 ]

■ PHP Framework & Client Side Javascript & HTML5 APP using Angular JS & PhoneGap

## **MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES**

Software Engineer [ July, 2012 - May, 2013 ]

- Warehouse Management System
  - Development, maintenance, performance tuning & Unified multi staged operation to single stage

#### TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Assistant Software Engineer [ July, 2010 - July, 2012 ]

- London Clearing House (Project)
  - Maintained customisation for the client on TCS Bancs & Enhancements in Equity Management

## Roles/Work/Hobbies

- Serves as chief arbitrator on Architecture Review Board at Unbxd
- Manages custom self-hosted homelab stack found on github.com/uknth/homelab
- Currently Reading Trustworthy Online Controlled Experiment for a New A/B Testing Framework

2015-19

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2010-12