Cody Smith

Staff / Lead Software Engineer • Generative & Agentic AI • Scalable Systems

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Summary

Staff/Lead engineer (14+ yrs) scaling systems, leading cross-org strategy, and driving Al-powered delivery. Early adopter of **generative & agentic Al**, boosting feature throughput 2–3× while raising reliability, security, and team velocity. Operates at Staff+ scope—setting vision, mentoring engineers, and aligning stakeholders hands-on.

Generative & Agentic AI Engineering

- **Tooling & workflows:** Claude Code, ChatGPT, Cursor, Windsurf, Copilot; repo analysis, code search, structured refactors, PR drafting/review, test gen, docs, migration playbooks, CI helpers.
- Outcomes: delivered features 2–3× faster; improved defect discovery; sped onboarding with code maps & briefs.

Core Competencies & Skills

Leadership Staff+ Scope, Technical Vision, Mentorship, Cross-Functional Alignment, Delivery Management

Architecture Systems Design, Distributed Systems, Reliability, Security, API Design (REST/GraphQL), CI/CD

Backend Java, Kotlin, C#, Node.js; AWS (Lambda, API Gateway, S3, CloudWatch), Messaging, SSE

Frontend TypeScript, React, Angular, Vue; Design Systems; i18n/l10n

Data SQL Server, DynamoDB, MongoDB; replication & performance tuning

Game/Realtime Unreal Engine 5 (C++/Blueprints), Multiplayer Netcode & Replication, Gameplay Frameworks

Professional Experience

Indie Game Studio Founder & Lead Engineer (Unreal Engine 5)

Sep 2024 - Present

- Directed multiplayer FPS end-to-end: vision, architecture, gameplay, and optimized netcode.
- Built modular C++ gameplay frameworks + Blueprint tooling that sped iteration ~50% and unlocked rapid prototyping.
- Set up CI/CD, test automation, and reproducible builds as a one-person studio; hit milestones reliably.

Intuit

Senior Software Engineer (Staff / Tech Lead)

Nov 2018 - Sep 2024

- Cut support load 33% by integrating team telemetry into company ML triage (earned performance bonus).
- Directed & shipped a real-time screen-sharing platform, reducing time-to-resolution 20% and boosting CSAT.
- Mentored 5+ engineers and drove cross-team architecture, boosting scalability and reliability of core systems.

Clearwater Analytics

Senior Software Engineer

Aug 2014 - Nov 2018

- **Doubled** replication throughput and boosted stability ~30% for **20TB+** assets.
- Introduced Server-Sent Events, cutting server load ~20% and removing polling bottlenecks.
- Influenced architecture strategy across teams; mentored peers on scalable replication practices.

SAP

Software Engineer

Jun 2011 - Aug 2014

- Led secure Android enterprise app development with remote admin & encryption.
- Implemented company-wide MDM support across mobile tooling with security & platform teams.

Education

Boise State University

B.S., Computer Science