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Summary

- [Java Champion](#)
- [Grails Rock Star](#)
- Senior Technical Trainer and Developer with extensive experience in *Spring*, *Hibernate/JPA*, *Groovy*, *Grails*, *Gradle*, *Android*, *Kotlin*, and related subjects
- State-of-the-art industry certifications
- Strong educational background
- Regular speaker on the [No Fluff, Just Stuff](#) conference tour
- 2013, 2016, and 2017 **JavaOne Rock Star**
- 2022 **Devnexus Rock Star**

Technical Expertise

- **Spring**, **Hibernate**, and other open-source projects like **Groovy** and **Grails**
- **Java**, especially server-side development, **Design Patterns**, and **Android** programming
- **Web Services**, including RESTful and SOAP-based
- [Official Kotlin Training Partner](#), Certified by JetBrains



Books

- [Mockito Made Clear](#), ISBN 978-1-6805-0967-0, Pragmatic Programmers, February 2023
- [Help Your Boss Help You](#), ISBN 978-1-6805-0822-2, Pragmatic Programmers, July 2021
- [Kotlin Cookbook](#), ISBN 978-1492046677, O'Reilly Media, December 2019
- [Modern Java Recipes](#), ISBN 978-1-4919-7317-2, O'Reilly Media, August 2017
- [Gradle Recipes for Android](#), ISBN 978-1-4919-4702-9, O'Reilly Media, June 2016
- [Making Java Groovy](#), ISBN 978-1-9351-8294-8, Manning, Sept. 2013

Career History & Accomplishments

- President**, *Kousen IT, Inc.*, <http://www.kousenit.com> 2005 – present
- Teach Java, Java EE, XML, Spring, Hibernate, Groovy, Grails, Android, Kotlin, and more to clients in business and industry.
 - Consulting and mentoring services available.
- Speaker**, *No Fluff, Just Stuff* conference tour, <https://nofluffjuststuff.com> 2011 – present
- Speaker on Android, Groovy, Grails, Kotlin, Spring and related topics
- Visiting Assistant Professor**, *Trinity College*, <https://trincoll.edu/>, Hartford, CT 2023 -- present
- Taught courses in the Computer Science department
- Vice President, General Manager**, *CESC*, Bloomfield, CT July, 2005 – September, 2005
- Run a training center with \$3.5M annual revenue.
 - Managed sales force
 - Worked with partners at IBM, Novell, and Microsoft

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- Visiting Professor**, *Trinity College*, <https://trincoll.edu> Spring 1997
- Taught dynamics course for engineering sophomores

- Research Scientist**, *United Technologies Research Center*, <https://www.utrc.utc.com> . 1988 – 2000
- In *Systems & Software* group, developed artificial intelligence models for systems at Carrier and Otis Elevators
 - In *Physical & Mathematical Modeling* group, created computational and analytical models for jet engine acoustics
 - In *Theoretical and Computational Modeling* group, applied analytical and computational techniques to investigate unsteady aerodynamics of turbomachinery.

Education

- M.S. in Computer Science** 2000
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Hartford, CT
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- Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering** 1989
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
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- M.A. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering** 1986
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
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- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering** 1984
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
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- B.S. in Mathematics** 1984
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
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- Alternate Route to Certification Program** 1997
State of Connecticut Department of Education, Hartford, CT

Honors and Awards

- Devnexus Rock Star, 2022
- Grails Rock Star, 2018
- Java Champion, 2017
- Oracle Groundbreaker Ambassador, 2017
- 2017 JavaOne Rock Star
- 2016 JavaOne Rock Star
- 2013 JavaOne Rock Star
- Patent 5,420,383, **Anti-Sound Arrangement for Multi-Stage Blade Cascades**, dated May 30, 1995

- UTRC Award for Significant Technical Achievement, 1996

**Technical
Certifications**

- SpringSource Core Spring
- Sun Certified Java Programmer
- Sun Certified Web Component Developer
- Sun Certified Business Component Developer
- IBM Certified Enterprise Architect for WebSphere v 5.0
- IBM Certified Instructor for WebSphere (SW244, SW284, SW287)
- Altova Certified XML Spy Engineer

**Additional
Publications**

- Several articles for [No Fluff, Just Stuff, the Magazine](#)
- As a research scientist, published approximately a dozen technical papers and contractor reports in the peer-reviewed literature; see Google Scholar citations at <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=nrLQYPkAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra>

Personal

- Married with one child
 - US citizen
 - References and student evaluations available on request
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