

# Christopher R Blake

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## Summary

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I currently work at DigitalOcean and have a passion for technology and everything Linux. I have experience with CI/CD (Drone, GitLab CI), Configuration Management (Saltstack, Chef, Ansible), Containerization (Docker, k8s), and Tool Development (Python, Bash, GO).

## Experience

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### Cloud Operations Admin

May 2016 - Current

DigitalOcean

- Architect, deploy, and maintain critical internal services (JIRA, Confluence, GHE)
- Responsible for a fleet of 15,000+ servers, physical and virtual
- Kick off and drive company-wide incidents, internal and external
- Maintain an internal saltstack deployment with custom vault integration

### Platform Support Specialist

May 2015 - May 2016

DigitalOcean

- Support customers with everyday questions
- Assist with platform wide escalations and notifications
- Work closely with other teams to help share customer feedback

### UNITE Internship

May 2014 – May 2015

Thomson Reuters Eagan Campus

- Develop and Deploy Business Critical Applications in Oracle APEX
- Help support and maintain the internal cloud platform (Openstack and Cloudstack)
- Develop/Support monitoring utilities in Python and bash

### Level 1 Tech

January 2014 – April 2014

Inver Hills Community College

- Assist staff and students with various hardware and software issues
- Troubleshoot and manage machines across campus

### IT Labs Specialist

July 2012 – May 2013

Winona State University

- Manage Group Policies through Active Directory
- Build system images for mass deployment

### PHP/Web Developer

July 2012 – May 2013

Winona State University

- Developed software in PHP/MySQL
- Customized Open Source Software for specific needs

## Education

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**Inver Hills Community College**, Inver Grove Heights, MN

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015

**Degree:** Network Technology and Security (A.A.S)

- Earned A+, MCP and MTA Certifications
- Cumulative GPA of 3.96

**Winona State University**, Winona, MN

Fall 2012 – May 2013

- Worked 2 on-campus jobs while being a full time student
- Cumulative GPA of 3.20