

CHRIS TALLENT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Technology executive with 20+ years of experience leading full-stack software engineering, SaaS platform architecture, and AI-driven product innovation. Proven record in scaling startup engineering organizations, modernizing legacy systems, and delivering enterprise-grade cloud solutions with AWS, Java, and modern JavaScript frameworks. Entrepreneurial leader driving technical vision, DevOps excellence, and security compliance across cloud-native and regulated environments.

CORE SKILLS

Leadership: Fractional & Startup CTO • Team Building • Agile Delivery • DevOps Strategy • ISO 27001 Compliance
Technical: Java, Spring Framework, Python, TypeScript, JavaScript, Vue.js, React, Angular, Next.js, Node.js
Cloud & Data: AWS (ECS, Kubernetes, RDS, S3, Lambda, Bedrock, Textract) • PostgreSQL • MySQL • MongoDB
AI & Automation: Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) • Claude / Bedrock Integration • NLP Applications
Tools: Docker / Docker Compose • Bitbucket Pipelines • GitHub Actions • CI/CD • Jira • Confluence

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Technology Officer | Pitchstone Technology LLC

Fort Thomas, KY • February 2021 – Present

Founded and led technology strategy for an AI-enabled real estate platform, overseeing product architecture, development process, DevOps, and security compliance.

- Introduced Agile process overhaul, boosting productivity, raising morale from 2/5 to 5/5, and increasing developer retention.
- Bootstrapped and delivered MVP platform on TypeScript, Vue.js, Java, Spring Framework, and PostgreSQL.
- Built AI knowledge base query tool using RAG on AWS Bedrock, S3, and Python and developed lease document parsing system leveraging AWS Textract for automated data extraction and visualization.
- Spearheaded AI-driven code modernization with Claude Code, automating library upgrades and unit test generation.
- Managed DevOps roadmap and budgeting, improving deployment speed and reducing infrastructure costs, including a 35-40% reduction in non-production environment spend through cluster consolidation.
- Led ISO 27001 compliance program and annual penetration testing efforts.

Chief Technology Officer | Automobile Consumer Services Inc

Cincinnati, OH • July 2016 – February 2021

Led technology transformation for a fintech organization, overseeing development, cloud migration, and agile adoption.

- Built a new automotive fintech platform using AngularJS, Java, Spring MVC, PostgreSQL, Docker, and Kubernetes on AWS.

- Introduced CI/CD and agile methodology, reducing deployment cycle from weeks to hours.
- Delivered NADA 2017 proof-of-concept in two months.
- Migrated legacy PHP systems to AWS Kubernetes clusters, improving scalability and uptime.

Owner & Fractional CTO | Proven Edge LLC

Fort Thomas, KY • November 2015 – Present

Provide fractional CTO and full-stack consulting services to startups and SMBs, delivering scalable architectures and MVP products.

- Designed and built React/Next.js/Prisma MVP for a legal SaaS platform.
- Delivered AngularJS and .NET user interface for a laboratory testing client, improving customer experience.
- Provided architectural guidance and DevOps management on Google Cloud.
- Created and maintained golf handicapping SaaS app using Angular, Java, and MySQL.

Technical Co-Founder & CTO | Glamhive

Seattle, WA • November 2013 – November 2015

Co-founded a fashion-tech platform; architected and launched Glamhive.com from concept to release.

- Winner, Seattle Angel Conference VII (2015) — secured \$205K investment.
- Built and deployed full technology stack using AngularJS, Java, Spring MVC, Ionic, and MongoDB on AWS.
- Hired and managed distributed development teams across U.S. and South America.

Chief Technology Officer | Lela.com

Lexington, KY • November 2011 – May 2014

Directed software development and product operations for a personalized shopping recommendation platform.

- Introduced Agile Scrum methodology and coordinated cross-functional teams.
- Architected product using Ember, AngularJS, Java, Spring MVC, MySQL, and MongoDB on AWS.

EARLIER ROLES

Owner & Consultant | Tallented Software LLC (2010–2011) — Delivered custom software for e-commerce and analytics clients.

Senior Associate | dunnhumbyUSA (2009–2010) — Developed C# and Flex-based systems; mentored junior developers.

Senior Software Engineer | Fidelity Investments (2003–2009) — Led document generation system for 401k reporting.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science — University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

AWARDS

Winner, Seattle Angel Conference VII (2015) — \$205,000 investment as Technical Co-Founder of Glamhive