

TONY BURIAN

Engineering Leader | Team Building, Delivery Excellence & Organizational Transformation

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EXPERIENCE

Senior Engineering Manager, Platform Engineering

Abridge AI, Inc

 02/2026 - 08/2026  Remote

Abridge is a leading AI-powered healthcare technology platform that transforms clinical conversations into structured medical documentation and insights.

- Led Platform Engineering org (~13 people) responsible for Developer Experience, Infrastructure Automation, Deployment Platforms, Enterprise Environments, and Internal Developer Tooling for the company's AI-powered healthcare products.
- Delivered a FedRAMP Moderate environment that enabled enterprise and government customer adoption while maintaining operational parity with the commercial platform and passing compliance audits.
- Raised Platform Engineering operating maturity by introducing RASCI ownership models, project planning frameworks, Linear adoption, and clearer operational visibility across engineering, security, and product.
- Standardized deployment workflows with a build-once, deploy-many CI/CD architecture, Turborepo-based affected deployments, and automated preview environments, reducing build times, release complexity, and developer friction.
- Launched the company's Builder's Portal (Internal Developer Platform) to expand self-service capabilities and improve engineering visibility into services, architecture, and environments.
- Expanded developer effectiveness through a multi-agent AI orchestration framework that supported architecture, implementation, testing, documentation, and operational workflows.
- Enabled enterprise-ready platform operations through dedicated single-tenant environments and organization-wide Teleport adoption for secure access to Kubernetes, databases, developer tooling, and internal services.
- Established foundational platform engineering practices that improved developer velocity, increased organizational transparency, accelerated enterprise customer onboarding, strengthened compliance readiness, and enabled scalable platform operations.

Engineering Manager, DevOps

FloQast, Inc

 07/2023 - 02/2026  Remote

- Built and scaled an 11-person multidisciplinary DevOps organization spanning Infrastructure, SRE, and Database Engineering.
- Established FinOps practices that reduced annual cloud spend by \$1M through vendor management, cloud spend optimization, and operational forecasting across a \$10M infrastructure portfolio.
- Launched the company's Internal Developer Platform initiative (Backstage), establishing the foundation for a dedicated Developer Experience organization.
- Led platform modernization across MongoDB upgrades, API Gateway adoption, observability standardization, and incident management transformation.
- Strengthened incident management through on-call ownership, service reliability practices, and organization-wide incident response processes.

Director of Engineering, Platform & Infrastructure

CallRail, Inc

 02/2019 - 10/2022  Atlanta, GA

- Built and scaled a 16-person DevOps, SRE, and Cloud Engineering organization supporting mission-critical telephony operations responsible for ~90% of company revenue.

SUMMARY

Accomplished engineering leader with a proven track record of building engineering teams and driving organizational transformation across SaaS, AI, FinTech and marketplace businesses. Extensive experience leading platform, infrastructure, developer experience, SRE, DevOps and technology organizations accountable for reliability, security, compliance, delivery and effectiveness of engineering teams. Employ a style of servant leadership focused on operational excellence and alignment to business outcomes.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Cloud Spend Reduction

Reduced annual cloud spend by \$1M through FinOps practices.

99.99% Uptime

Improved platform reliability to achieve 99.99% uptime.

SOC 2 Type II Certification

Led SOC 2 Type II certification efforts to strengthen security and compliance.

\$10M Technology Strategy Presentation

Presented a \$10M technology strategy during a growth equity investment process.

SKILLS

Engineering Enablement

Backstage, Internal Developer Platforms (IDP), Developer Experience, CI/CD

Cloud & Infrastructure

AWS, EKS, Kubernetes, Terraform, Rackspace

Observability & Reliability

OpenTelemetry, Coralogix, Datadog, Grafana, Prometheus, PagerDuty

Databases & Data Platforms

MongoDB Atlas, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Elasticsearch

Security & Compliance

FedRAMP, SOC 2, GDPR, PCI, Snyk, Identity & Access Management

Application & Data Fluency

AI-Assisted Application Development, Product Architecture, Full-Stack Application Design, Deployment Architecture

- Led cloud modernization initiatives including migration to AWS managed services (EKS, RDS, ElastiCache, OpenSearch), improving scalability and operational efficiency.
- Established incident management, operational review, and postmortem practices that improved reliability and strengthened engineering accountability.
- Directed SOC 2 Type II certification efforts and implemented security programs including vulnerability management and bug bounty initiatives.
- Guided engineering modernization through adoption of Go, NoSQL technologies, serverless architectures, and platform automation.
- Balanced reliability, cost, and security across telemetry infrastructure that supported ~90% of company revenue.

Vice President, Technology

TCGplayer, Inc

12/2015 - 08/2018 Remote

- Led Engineering, QA, DevOps, Operations, Data Engineering, and Test Automation across one of the largest trading-card marketplaces in the world.
- Built multiple engineering disciplines from the ground up, including DevOps, Data Engineering, Database Administration, API Engineering, and Test Automation.
- Directed cloud transformation from Rackspace to AWS while leading adoption of microservices, containerization, and modern engineering practices.
- Led the technical roadmap and vision presented to investors during a \$10M growth equity process, speaking directly with investors multiple times to secure support for the company's technology strategy and scalability plans.
- Drove product and platform expansion through Quicklist computer vision, TCGplayer Pro, API platform growth, and marketplace modernization.
- Advanced revenue growth by pairing technology innovation with stronger engineering execution.

Vice President, Engineering (Online Video Platform)

Piksel, Inc

05/2013 - 05/2015 Atlanta, GA

Piksel is a cloud-based video technology and digital media platform provider serving broadcast and OTT clients worldwide.

- Led engineering and QA organizations for a global online video platform serving enterprise media clients.
- Directed platform modernization initiatives including SOA adoption, AngularJS architecture, video delivery optimization, and connected-device integrations.
- Improved platform reliability to 99.99% uptime while reducing operational costs through vendor and infrastructure optimization.
- Delivered high-availability media platform modernization and mentored teams to enterprise-class engineering maturity.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Technical and engineering leadership roles with Encompass Digital Media, Discovery Communications, and Crawford Communications

- Delivered large-scale content management, media distribution, and workflow automation platforms for global media organizations and government agencies.
- Architected API-driven content delivery, metadata management, and digital asset pipelines for high-volume video, image, and broadcast workloads.
- Led cross-functional engineering, operations, and support teams while introducing Agile delivery, SDLC governance, and operational best practices.
- Built an early foundation in software engineering, systems architecture, and platform design that shaped later cloud-native and platform engineering leadership.

TRAINING / COURSES

Dale Carnegie Leadership Course

AI-Enabled Engineering Productivity

OpenAI, Anthropic Claude, Model Context Protocol (MCP), Multi-Agent Workflows

Technology Operations & FinOps

FinOps, CloudZero, Vendor Management, Budget Planning, JIRA, Confluence, Linear

EDUCATION

MBA, Operations Management

Mercer University

B.S., Computer Information Systems

Emory & Henry College

B.S., Business Management

Emory & Henry College

STRENGTHS

- 👤 Engineering Leadership & Mentorship
- 💻 Platform Engineering
- 🔗 Developer Experience
- 🚀 Organizational Transformation
- 📈 Platform Strategy
- ⚙️ Operational Excellence
- ☁️ Cloud & Infrastructure Strategy
- 💰 FinOps & Cost Optimization
- 🔒 Security & Compliance
- 🤝 Cross-Functional Leadership