

What is your role at CENX and what does it entail?

I'm a software architect, focusing on analytics and data science. On the data science and analytics side, we have a lot of opportunities coming down the pipeline. CENX management software collects a lot of data from the underlying telecom network. Now we're researching and prototyping new and innovative analysis techniques. Even when we find a promising analysis technique, it doesn't do any good if we can't calculate it quickly enough with the available resources. There's a whole world of analytical possibilities; exploring and charting those possibilities is what brings me to CENX. As an architect, my responsibilities include coordinating how all the software components work together on a large scale, as well as the technology choices that affect scalability and availability.

What attracted you to CENX?

At CENX, we are bringing big data analytics to the telecommunications industry. It's all about solving interesting problems; I'm passionate about data science and it's a large component of my work here.

What excites you about the work you do at CENX?

Predictive analytics, data science, there are a bunch of terms around it. CENX has a foothold in what is essentially a brand new industry. This allows us to actively explore and evaluate many different possibilities. On the one hand, this is daunting...on the other, it's exciting.

What opportunities do you have to develop your career at CENX?

CENX is a bigger company compared to my previous jobs, and when you are on a large team, you have the opportunity to specialize. We learn a lot from each other because we have a more diverse set of backgrounds and experiences from which to draw collectively. We're constantly growing as a company, hence there is room for personal growth, as there are always new challenges and people to bring into the fold and new things to architect.

What do you like best about the CENX work environment?

The language and technology stack is very interesting. I've enjoyed working with Clojure, Spark, Cassandra – all technologies which are at the forefront of what we're doing. In regards to coworkers, the people I work with are very talented. Because of our choices surrounding technology, CENX attracts certain types of people; people who are interested in learning new technologies and pushing their boundaries to accomplish new things.

What do you like best about the CENX work environment

The technologies, the workspace, and the industry opportunity. At CENX, we are defining an industry and we have the opportunity to influence the direction, that's pretty powerful.

Joel

Software Architect



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