Joe Love

Engineer and Technical Leader

London, UK

ABOUT

Engineer-turned-founder and three-time CTO with fifteen years of experience shipping ambitious products. Previously Principal Engineer, Tech Lead and Head of Infrastructure at firms across the UK, Europe and the US.

Grows engineering teams from a few developers to an effective cross-functional organisation, and takes products from a whiteboard to something ground-breaking. Prefers small, reversible decisions and clear ownership over heroics, and works by making the risky parts boring and keeping systems simple enough to change.

CORE SKILLS

Leadership: Vision/Strategy, Tech Strategy, Hiring, Team Culture, Coaching/Performance, Feedback, Executive Communication, Stakeholders

Delivery: Roadmaps, Prioritisation, OKRs, Retros, Risk/Change, Agile

Languages: TypeScript, ES.Next, Python, Ruby, SQL, Kotlin, Swift

Backend: Node, Express, Fastify, NestJS, Rails, REST, GraphQL, tRPC, gRPC

Frontend: React, Next.js, React Native, Angular, Webpack, Turbopack

Data: Airflow, Postgres, MongoDB, DynamoDB, Redis, Kafka, SQS, Prisma

Cloud/Infra: AWS, Kubernetes, Docker, Lambda, ECS, Fargate, S3, RDS, IAM

Platform: DevEx, SRE, Terraform, Helm/ArgoCD, Observability, Incident Response

AI/Agents: Agent Orchestration, Prompt Engineering, OpenRouter, RAG, Harness Tooling, Structured Output, Evals, MCP

ML/Vision: TensorFlow, OpenCV, Neural Networks, Training Pipelines, Fine-Tuning, Data Augmentation, Model Evaluation, Object Detection

Testing: Jest, Vitest, pytest, RSpec, Mocha, Chai, Playwright, Cypress, ESLint

EXPERIENCE

Candela

Co-Founder, CTO

June 2026 to Present

TypeScript, Next.js, Postgres, AWS, Agent Orchestration, AI Harness Development

- Owns product strategy and leads day-to-day development as co-founder and CTO.
- Took the first product from a blank page to a working, revenue-generating offering.
- Sets the architecture and delivery practice for a small, fast-moving engineering team.
- Designs and runs AI agentic pipelines and evaluation harnesses, with multi-agent orchestration over OpenRouter and Anthropic models.

Metris Energy

Head of Infrastructure

Dec 2025 to June 2026

Terraform, Docker, AWS, ECS, Fargate, RDS, Airflow

- Led the infrastructure function for an energy startup.
- Built and ran cloud infrastructure with Terraform and AWS.
- Built the data pipeline for energy data, scheduling ingestion and modelling jobs with Airflow.

Maze

Senior Platform Engineer

Aug 2024 to July 2025

Senior Full-Stack Engineer

June 2023 to Aug 2024

DevEx, Kubernetes, Helm, ArgoCD, AWS, TypeScript, Next.js, Node, NestJS

- Shipped full-stack product work across a user-research platform.
- Worked on platform engineering and developer experience.

SAPI Group

Principal Engineer

June 2022 to June 2023

TypeScript, React, Node, Postgres, Fastify, Hiring, Mentoring

- Joined to oversee the creation of a new product offering, owning the architecture and approach.
- Hired and trained staff as the team grew from a single permanent developer to a large cross-functional organisation.

Curve

Tech Lead

Nov 2021 to June 2022

TypeScript, React, Next.js, GraphQL, Apollo, Terraform, AWS

- Led delivery as tech lead on a consumer fintech product.
- Built product features in TypeScript, React, Next.js and GraphQL.

Devyce

Principal Engineer

June 2020 to Nov 2021

React Native, Kotlin, Swift, CosmosDB, WebSockets, Microservices

- Initial principal and founding engineer, responsible for customer-facing web portals, mobile apps and several core services.
- Core member of the team that took the product from early ideation and design to a stable, profitable customer offering.
- Devyce remains an active UK telecoms business, backed by Y Combinator, which led a 2.2m pound seed round in February 2023.

Futurice

Tech Lead

Jan 2019 to June 2021

TypeScript, Python, Next.js, AWS, TensorFlow, Neural Networks, OpenCV

- Tech lead at an international product design and development consultancy.
- Took a pragmatic, outcome-focused approach that balanced proven best practice against newer approaches.

Antiblanks

Development Lead

Sept 2016 to Dec 2018

Senior Engineer

April 2016 to Sept 2016

React, Angular, REST, Postgres, Microservices, C# .NET

- Led delivery of web experiences for clients including the largest department store in South America and a financial trust with over 10 billion dollars in assets.
- Moved from senior engineer to development lead as the team and client base grew.

IP Ventures

Chief Technology Officer

March 2015 to April 2016

Babel/ECMAScript, PHP, MySQL, AWS, CI/CD, TDD

- Created the development roadmap for the company's primary product.
- Hired development and administrative staff and worked on pitches and presentations to raise venture capital.
- Coordinated development agencies in London and abroad.

Which? Magazine

Senior Developer

April 2013 to March 2015

Ruby, Rails, Java, Postgres, Heroku, JavaScript, Jenkins, GTM

- Senior developer and internal consultant, managing and grooming product requirements.
- Mentored other developers and built software for a large consumer organisation.

Lemon Digits

Founder, CTO

July 2011 to Aug 2013

JavaScript, PHP, MySQL, Server Management, CSS3, jQuery

- Co-founded a software development startup in Central London and built its engineering function.
- Delivered client platforms and software, acting as scrum master for the agile team.
- Wrote client proposals from briefs and managed payment schedules.

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HOBBIES

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