Kenji Watanabe

SENIOR TECHNICAL PROGRAM MANAGER

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SUMMARY

Senior technical program manager with 8 years of technical program management in cloud infrastructure after 3 years as a network engineer. Turns ambiguous goals into roadmaps, milestones and Jira plans, runs risk management and executive reviews across 18 engineering teams, and has launched 4 new cloud regions on schedule. Fluent in networking, storage and capacity tradeoffs.

SKILLS

Technical Program Management • Program Management • Agile • Jira • Confluence • Smartsheet
Risk Management • Stakeholder Management • MS Project • Cloud Infrastructure

EXPERIENCE

Senior Technical Program Manager 04/2021 - Present
Elliott Bay Cloud Seattle, WA

Cloud infrastructure provider running 9 regions and 400,000 servers; 6,000 employees.

- Lead region build programs across **18** teams, launching 4 new regions on schedule with $210M in capacity.
- Run quarterly planning and stakeholder management with directors in networking, storage and security.
- Maintain a program risk register of 200 items in Confluence and Smartsheet, retiring 90% before launch reviews.
- Drive a capacity forecasting program that cut stranded server capacity from 14% to 6%, saving $18M a year.

Technical Program Manager 06/2018 - 03/2021
Lake Union Software Seattle, WA

Enterprise software company with 1,100 services in production.

- Managed the migration of 1,100 services to Kubernetes across 30 teams with no customer-facing outages.
- Set up Agile program increments in Jira for 120 engineers and reported delivery health to VPs every month.
- Coordinated 3 security compliance programs, closing all SOC 2 audit findings within 60 days.
- Wrote MS Project plans for hardware refreshes covering 8,000 servers in 2 data centers, finished with no unplanned downtime.

Network Engineer 06/2015 - 05/2018
Puget Sound Telecom Tacoma, WA

Regional telecom carrier with a 40-site backbone.

- Designed and deployed BGP and MPLS changes for a 40-site regional backbone.
- Automated configuration backups in Python for 900 routers and switches.
- Cut mean time to repair by 30% by building runbooks for the network operations center.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 06/2015
University of Washington Seattle, WA
Computer Engineering

CERTIFICATES

Project Management Professional (PMP)
Project Management Institute
2020