

Infra Eng to Staff SRE

a tale of developing yourself in an ever-evolving industry

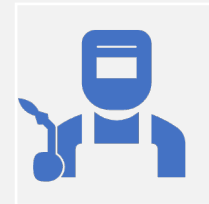
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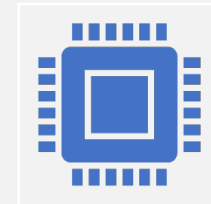
“Soft skill” talk.



No hot takes, nothing
mind blowing.



What even is a Staff
Engineer/SRE?



Release of “The Staff
Engineers Path”.

But who am I?

Support Eng @
Bulletproof Networks

Staff SRE @ Apptio



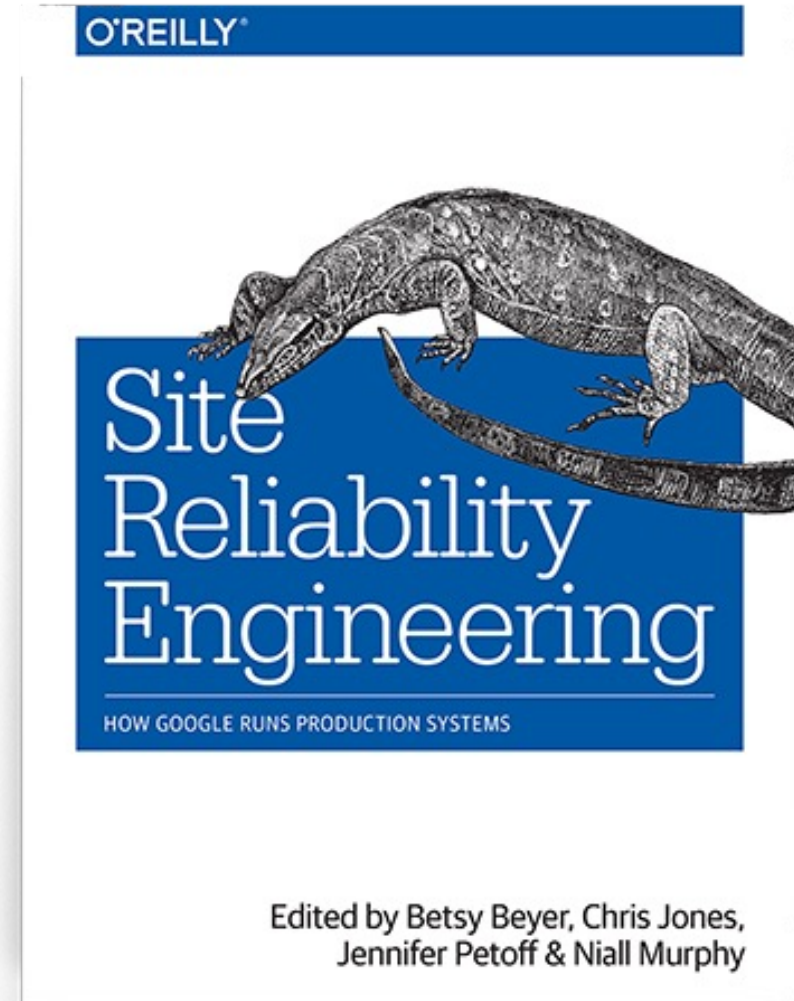
Exposed to SRE



A change in approach.



“The book”.



Journey to SRE begins



A MOVE INTO THE SRE
WORLD



SETTING UP TO ACHIEVE THE
GOAL

A change in mindset



Consider the larger picture



Thinking at scale

Mapping out the journey



MORE THAN ONE
APPROACH



UNDERSTANDING
BUSINESS PROCESS



EMPATHY



Being hard on yourself

Imposter
syndrome

Overcome
the doubt

Head above water

Tailor inputs
to your level

Don't fear
the unknown

Keep Journeying(?)



BE YOUR OWN
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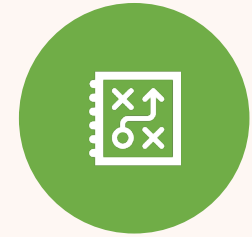
IDENTIFY
PERSONAL
GOALS



PUSH TO
ACHIEVE WHAT
YOU DESIRE



INVEST IN
YOURSELF AND
CAREER



SET A CAREER
PATH GOAL AND
GO AFTER IT –
OR DON'T?

Key takeaways

- Multiple ways to approach SRE and career progressions.
 - Shape your own direction.
 - **Communicate, support and engage.**
 - Identify and attack imposter syndrome.
 - You don't need to consume and know everything.
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