# Alison Flynn

Problem-solving geek-of-all-trades, seeking to optimize as many systems as I can

## SKILLS

- Staying customer-focused and system-analyzing at all times
- Communication: facilitating meetings, making functional human connections in tech/geek spaces
- Management: PMI CAPM, Project+, JIRA, Agile, 6.5 years of management prior to tech
- Engineering Background: Java, Spring MVC, CS Theory, TDD, CI/CD, Security, DevOps

## WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Slingshot Aerospace**

## Technical Project Manager

#### Nov 2021 - May 2023

- Wore numerous hats while providing cat-herding services as required by a growing startup
- Helped scale from ~40 to ~160 employees
- Facilitated 6 very different teams with catered workflows for each, including commercial development, gov contract development, AI/ML research, central tooling/Platform, and DevOps
- Sole manager of the DevOps team, triaging support needs from company-wide stakeholders
- Drove a 10% reduction in companywide AWS spend during Q1 23
- Guided two separate application teams to consistent on-time milestone delivery of:
  - 25M contract for a distributed SaaS satellite visualization and education tool
  - 3M contract for a secure deployment satellite image processing tool

#### Amazon

## SDE, F3 (Grocery) Cart Team

## Jan 2019 - Nov 2021

- Owned the grocery cart experience for all digital Fresh/Whole Foods/3P purchases (~24B gross in 2021)
- Supported 7 major full-stack services (Java, Spring, JSP, and JS/CSS), incl. DevOps and on-call
- Volunteered for the Security Certifier program, performing 2 sensitive-data application reviews

#### Villainous Lair Comics & Gaming Founder/Owner

#### Aug 2011 - Feb 2018

- Founded a small comic shop with 2 employees in Normal Heights, San Diego
- Grew to a 4,500sqft neighborhood-fixture geeky paradise with 11 employees at peak
- Experienced entrepreneurial risk and, ultimately, failure. Very educational!

## EDUCATION

San Diego State University	MS, Computer Science	2014
Bucknell University	BS, CS & International Relations	2010
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE		

Little Fish Comic Book Studio	Board President	2019-Present
Normal Heights Community Planning Group	Board Chair	2020-2021
Adams Ave Business Association	Board Vice Chair	2017-2018
	Planning & Development Committee Chair	2016-2018