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As Technical Director, Patrick Dawson is responsible for engineering decisions made on *World of Warcraft*. Patrick’s team handles the technology choices that allowthe game’s design staff to deliver the fantasy to the world. Coupled with that is ensuring service stability, minimizing tech debt, and ensuring Blizzard’s systems continue to work well with services like Battle.net.

Patrick joined Blizzard in 2005, and has supported every *World of Warcraft* expansion thus far, along with writing backend code for *Diablo III*. His most notable contributions have been in *World of Warcraft*, including architecting the achievement system, scenario technology, and leading the server team that launched *Legion* and reduced patch time to fewer than 2 hours on average.

Patrick holds a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from the University of Maryland. In his spare time, he enjoys watching NFL football and building with LEGO.