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Summary

Austin-based software developer with 20 years of professional experience, the last 10 of which have been full-stack Ruby on Rails and front-end Javascript positions. Seeking a senior engineering position that takes advantage of my user-focused philosophy and in which I can be assured of learning new things and improving my skills.

Experience

February 2017 - October 2017: Borrowed & Blue, Senior Software Engineer

I worked on the Core Team at Borrowed & Blue, where I was responsible for design and implementation of new features for our apps, along with the usual maintenance tasks. In October the company was dissolved. Toolset included: Heroku, Rails, React.

July 2016 - January 2017: Liveoak Technologies, Director of Engineering.

At Liveoak Technologies my responsibilities include ownership of our primary customer's feature set, including everything from customer communications to feature specification and hands-on implementation in code. In addition I am tasked with recruiting, ensuring code quality across our small team, strategic planning and new projects. Toolset includes: Heroku, Rails, WebRTC, web sockets, and the Docusign API.

July 2012 - July 2016: Union Metrics, Sr Front End Engineer/Team Lead.

As an early hire, I focused on the Rails side of our complex social media analytics SaaS application. Tasks included implementation of REST APIs and rapid development of new UI, including extensive visualization and some Java development. In November 2014 my responsibilities expanded to include technical leadership of the front-end team along with continued innovation in user experience and visualization. Toolset includes: D3, Angular, jQuery, Rails, Redis, MongoDB, MySQL, memcache, SQS, S3, Sphinx, and Resque.

March 2010 - July 2012: PeopleAdmin, Lead Developer.

Developed and maintained the PeopleAdmin 7 SaaS product, which is used by higher education and government customers for position management. The application has several layers of abstraction to support a wide variety of customer requirements. In August 2011 I became technical lead for a 3-person Customer Operations team responsible for biweekly maintenance releases of our SaaS product.

July 2008 - March 2010: Crossroads Systems, Sr Software Engineer.

I designed, developed, and tested the UI for the Crossroads ShareLoader™ data storage appliance, written in Rails and served by the appliance itself using Mongrel and Apache. The app is large and complex, with a common UI shared between several products and teams.

September 2002 - July 2008: The University of Texas at Austin, Web Application Developer.

Designed and developed public-facing web apps for the Office of the Vice President for Development, including Alumni & Friends and Support UT. Created and maintained a CMS for internal clients. Unified the web sites of the six component units of Continuing Education, including planning, implementation, and support. Developed and taught a six-month class for our mainframe developers on object-oriented programming, the MVC pattern, version control and automated deployment. Two of my Ruby gems providing integration with legacy UT systems are in use across campus.

Other Past Positions

Chief Technical Officer, Steve Jackson Games. 2000 - 2001.

Senior Web Application Developer, Purity Software. 1999 - 2000.

MIS Director and Webmaster, Techworks. 1999.

Macintosh Systems Administrator and Webmaster, Motorola SPS. 1995 - 1998.

Education

University of Texas at Austin, Electrical Engineering Honors + Mathematics.

Coursework: Logic, Linear Algebra, Number Theory, Multivariate Calculus, Applied Discrete Math, Probability, and Differential Equations. Computer Science, Mathematical Analysis (Honors), Physics (Honors)

Stephen F. Austin High School Graduated with honors.

References

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