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Overview

Seeking to put my cooking, cleaning, office administration, or software skills to work within an existing company or organization. As the software industry declined starting in the early 2020's I have found satisfaction and employment as a dishwasher/cook in commercial kitchens while working on a computer science project.

Experience

Compare Basic

Founder/Director

January 2024 - January 2026 (2 years 1 month)
Iowa City/Cedar Rapids, Iowa, US

Attempting to found a company around a software technology I was developing.

Accomplishments involve:

- Working software prototype
- \$9k fund-raised
- PCI Compliance
- Podcast created for marketing outreach
- Business administration including by-laws, payroll setup, and state correspondence.

More details can be found at <https://comparebasic.com>

Big Grove Brewery

Dishwasher/Line-Cook

September 2024 - September 2025 (1 year 1 month)
Iowa City/Cedar Rapids, Iowa, US

As a member of the kitchen staff for this 1200 seat restaurant and brewery, my responsibilities were mostly at the dish-washing station, with line-cook shifts increasing after a year. Including cleaning and restocking the kitchen, breakdown of the machine, and cooking at the fry/flat-top/or set stations when necessary.

This builds on my personal cooking which includes sourdough-bread, fresh pasta, fermented beans, and a blend of American, Southeast-Asian and Indian cuisine. See more at <https://redneckramen.com>

Self-employed

Software Engineer and Researcher

June 2023 - October 2023 (5 months)

Southampton, England, UK

After I had been in the industry for a while I some time to try and develop language tools and start a venture with products built from them. The work was named IO Ledge Software while I was in England until October of 2023.

Valsys Inc.

Lead Software Engineer

March 2023 - May 2023 (3 months)

London, England, UK

At this early stage startup, I built a fully interactive mathematical object syntax language which generated a tree-like structure which compiled into the interface of their data model, providing a composition and evaluation user interface for their clients.

Zego

Senior Software Engineer and Tech Lead

October 2021 - March 2023 (1 year 6 months)

London, England, UK

At this insuratech scale-up, my Engineer and Tech Lead focus was to coordinate a small team of back-end engineers to extend a system which dynamically routed users through an on-boarding process. The value of this system was that it utilized any accessible information to fast-forward users through the process, reducing friction to increase conversion.

Promoted to Tech Lead in October of 2022

Authored an in-browser framework for form ui navigation and state management. The components used from this framework were a major contributor to the front-end of a company wide re-architecture project. The scope of this project included quote, pricing, and data platform services. After launch, we rolled out the framework to the wider front-end team, including 8 engineers across two focuses. A project I led and ensured that it was a collaboration from everyone involved.

Haven Life

Senior Full Stack Engineer and Productivity Advocate

December 2016 - August 2021 (4 years 9 months)

New York City, New York, US

At this department within a Fortune 100 company, as an Engineer with the Productivity Advocate role, I created and ran team building exercises across 15 of 18 product teams. I also owned process improvements such as task management, tools/processes and automation within my 5 person team. As our primary technical focus, we built front-end/back-end routes for the underwriting process, between submission of the application and issuance of policies.

Yieldmo

Senior Front End Engineer

March 2016 - November 2016 (9 months)

New York City, New York, US

Building interactive mobile advertisement layouts which animate as you scroll them through the view-port. Including HTML5 video for mobile web Android/ iOS. Considerations included partial loading and lazy loading mechanisms, scroll target detection, and command line video editing (ffmpeg).

Handshake Corp.

Software Engineer

January 2015 - February 2016 (1 year 2 months)

New York City, New York, US

Built and augmented several applications for this B2B mobile-first company to enable their customers (wholesalers) to better present and do business with their clients (retailers). Contributions to several areas including two web stacks, API layer, bulk spreadsheet importer, and the iOS applications. Modified core iOS product to create an experience for retailers, won most impactful engineer of the month for this project.

Axial

Front End Engineer

June 2013 - December 2014 (1 year 7 months)

New York City, New York, US

Built and updated features on both the buy side and sell side of the network, including the news-feed, awaiting review, and faceted search interfaces. Increased velocity by close collaboration between team members, to parallelize features while increasing focus and direction.

Shutterstock

Front End Engineer

May 2011 - June 2013 (2 years 2 months)

New York City, New York, US

Enhanced and redeveloped several pages and features of this highly trafficked stock photography site. Was part of a team redeveloping the image detail page, the flagship page of the main product. After developing eight variants, using their a/b

testing framework, we tweaked it until the revenue impact was fully realized.

Proclivity Systems

Software Engineer

June 2010 - May 2011 (1 year)

New York City, New York, US

Maintained client facing web panel, including enhancements to the data model, internal web panels for business analysts and client representatives to manage process dependencies.

CorrelationWeb

Proprietor

January 2007 - March 2009 (2 years 3 months)

New York City, New York, US

Web development venture, proprietary content management system, reusable code base for all projects, extended for specific client needs, such as calendars, or navigation hierarchies.

Warner Music Group

Presentation Designer (freelance)

January 2006 - January 2008 (2 years 1 month)

New York City, New York, US

Charts and slides for presentations including Presentation to 3GSM in Spain 2007

Core Staffing

Administrative Temp Work

January 2004 - January 2007 (3 years 1 month)

New York City, New York, US

Coordinator/administrative assistant for this temp agency's clients including RED Distribution and Prada USA.