

Michael J. West

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Full Stack Software Engineer with 8+ years of professional experience

EXPERIENCE

Senior Frontend Developer, Tactacam LLC (2022 - 2026)

- Led development for two production products (FeatherSnap and Defend Security Cameras), and contributed to Reveal, a flagship product with over 1M+ MAU
- Mentored and managed up to 5 other developers, growing two junior engineers into mid-senior level contributors
- Scaled FeatherSnap, a web and mobile platform (React Native and Next.js), from MVP to 50k MAU within ~2 years
- Implemented core revenue-driving features including a social media feed, e-commerce shops, and interactive games for production mobile applications
- Integrated frontend application with RESTful APIs and contributed to backend serverless infrastructure-as-code (AWS CDK, API Gateway, Lambda, DynamoDB).
- Owned CI/CD and release automation, increasing release frequency by ~3x
- Started initiatives to add unit and end-to-end tests to web and mobile applications

Frontend Software Engineer, Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) (2021)

- Built a production Angular SPA supporting a core growth product (DATC), which generates millions in annual revenue
- Contributed to a component library shared by 10+ applications

Software Engineer I, Development Dimensions International (DDI) (2020)

- Built end-to-end data visualization and course content features across mobile and web using React Native, Angular, D3, .NET, and SQL

DevOps Engineer, DDI (2019)

- Built internal tooling with Azure DevOps and Logic Apps to automate developer workflows, significantly reducing context switching
- Ran weekly zero-downtime deployments for all company products

Programmer/Analyst, Federated Investors (2017-2018)

- Updated PowerShell batch scripts and SQL stored procedures to ensure data integrity across large datasets spanning millions of records
- Led rapid prototyping of an internal scheduling tool to replace a legacy system, delivering a proof-of-concept in 3 weeks that secured executive approval for full rebuild

SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

- Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL, Java
- Frontend Frameworks : React, React Native, Angular, Expo, Next.js, Tailwind, TanStack
- Cloud: AWS (CDK, API Gateway, Lambda, S3, SNS)
- DevOps: GitHub Actions, Expo EAS, CodeMagic, AWS Amplify, Netlify
- Testing: Jest, React Testing Library, Appium, WebDriverIO, Sentry

EDUCATION

Bachelor's of Science in Computer Engineering, University of Pittsburgh - Main Campus

Minor: Industrial Engineering

- Software Engineering: Semester-long, team-based project simulating production development workflows (requirements, design reviews, version control, stakeholder communication) to build a train dispatching system modeled on a real-world application.
- Software Quality Assurance: Automated test development using Selenium; implemented functional and regression testing strategies.
- Data Structures & Algorithms: Object-oriented design and algorithm implementation in Java; focused on performance analysis and complexity trade-offs.
- Computer Architecture & Digital Circuits: Implemented a custom computer processor in VHDL using Intel Quartus, and mapped to an FPGA
- Capstone / Senior Design: Led full product lifecycle development from ideation through working prototype; designed custom PCBs specifications using Altium Designer and integrated Arduino-based hardware systems.

Industrial Engineering Focus

- Statistical modeling and probabilistic analysis
- Discrete mathematics and formal logic
- Productivity and process optimization
- Engineering management and cross-functional coordination
- Human factors engineering and system utilization