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Education

Kansas State University (2019)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (3.8 GPA)

Work Experience

Backend Engineer

2022 - 2023

Peerspace

- Operated in several Clojure and JS (Node.js + Express) micro-services which utilized MongoDB storage and GCP hosting
- Enhanced features and facilitated communication between services via two primary communication protocols
 - * Direct calls were handled through restful APIs
 - * Async calls leveraged Google's Pub/Sub architecture; typically to persist data in time-insensitive case
- Interfaced regularly with Kubernetes and Docker systems to deploy software images for testing and software releases
- Collaborated with teammates to create design documents for new and legacy features
- Enhanced and standardized development environments by various initiatives
 - * Updated or added outdated documentation across various services
 - * Added dev configs to streamline and improve feedback/REPL loops
 - * Added testing frameworks (e.g. Jest, clojure.test) and core tests to untested repos
 - * Standardized deployment methodologies for versioning
- Optimized, refined, and standardized MongoDB schemas to accommodate new feature development
- Debugged complex issues involving multiple over-the-wire processes across the system (e.g. when inconsistent data fired faulty events)

Software Engineer 2.5

2019 – 2022

Paycom

- Perform full stack (JS/PHP) operations, including creating a backend API and writing user-facing scripts
- Utilized MVC style framework, OOP style design, and software was regulated (ISO 9001:2015, SOX, PII)
- Lead initiative to design a new core feature on our team that added ability to customize *all* fields on company position; widely adopted by clients after release
- Expand various module features by adding data customization, new workflows, and new api routes
- Pushed performance improvements via code optimization, query aggregation, and ORM optimization (e.g. 100x speeds)
- Create DB designs based on feature requests and employ various data modeling and software design techniques
- Redesign the code structure in various parts of my code domain (e.g. refactoring code from 1k lines to 200)

Assistant Instructor - Intro to Computer Science

2017 - 2018

KSU

- Provided mentoring to students, offering guidance on assignments, debugging, and best coding practices.
- Graded student projects, offering constructive feedback to enhance code quality and problem-solving skills.
- Held regular office hours to address students' questions, clarify concepts, and discuss software design.
- Shared insights to instructor about student progress, feedback, and contributed to curriculum improvement.

Software Developer Internship

Fall 2018

Xpansion

- Completed comprehensive Java projects utilizing core MVC and OOP concepts such as polymorphism and inheritance
- Worked with company mentor on writing software automated testing frameworks
- Observed mentor's team sprint meeting and discussed project focus, goals, and implementation

Instructor - Computer Science - K12

Summer 2018

codeConnects

- Offered guidance and counseling to students learning basic programming fundamentals in a summer program

Apartment Custodian

Summer 2018

KSU

- Coordinated with a team members to prepare apartments for new residents quickly and thoroughly

Engineering Custodian

KSU

Winter 2017 - 2018

- Coordinated with maintenance team to complete various aspects of building upkeep

IT Technician

2015 - 2017

KSU

- Diagnosed and resolved computer-related issues, ensuring seamless functionality and optimal user experience
- Coordinated IT tasks with team members, streamlining operations and timely resolution of technical challenges
- Cultivated positive rapport with management and clients, achieved high satisfaction reports from clients

Line Cook

2015

Cookies / Mema's

- Delivered food service in a timely manner under various levels of rush
- Performed regular maintenance on workspace including cleaning, inventory, and preping

Projects

Personal Website (CLJS, Fulcro)	A personal website using ClojureScript and the Fulcro framework for personal use
Spring Boot State Machine (Java)	Exploratory project to grok the Spring Boot framework. Uses H2 and REST API.
Game Jam Unity Project (C#)	Small game built by me in a weekend featuring lightbulb-themed puzzle platforming
Modded Minesweeper (Python)	Minesweeper but I added a feature to subtract numbers based on flagging
Mobile App, Android (Kotlin)	Simple app made from scratch to experiment with the Kotlin language on Android
Snake (Rust)	Built snake in Rust for exposure and to experiment with Rust's graphical libraries
Utility Functions	?
Order State Machine (C++)	?
Hotshot (CLJS)	?
Flower Website (CLJS/TS/JS)	?
Human Thermal Modeling	?
(Python)	
2D Roguelike Tutorial (Unity)	?

Contributions

Fulcro Template | Added the ability to compile and deploy a prod ready uberjar finished projects.

Technical Experience

Languages: Clojure, JavaScript, PHP, Java, C#, Rust, Python, C++

Tools/Frameworks/Libraries: Node.js, Express, MySQL, MongoDB, Docker, GCP, React, Kubernetes, Spring Boot, JUnit, H2

Skills: Software Architecture, Database Design, API Design, Project Modeling, Algorithm Analysis, MVC, Functional-Programming, Microservices, ETL, OOP, Testing Design
