

# Alfonso Gonzalez

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## SUMMARY

After 13 years of owning and operating restaurants, I transitioned to software engineering. As a proactive problem solver with a talent for learning quickly, I enjoy tackling the complex challenges that tech has to offer. I strongly believe that honest and open communication is essential for resolving workplace issues. I have multiple years of experience in Ruby and JavaScript ecosystems, am fluent in English and Spanish, and thrive in dynamic, fast-paced environments. I seek a position with a diverse team that values collaboration and inclusivity, where I can both contribute and learn. Also, open to self-directed learning or targeted mentorship to expand my skills and confidently take on greater responsibilities.

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES

### • Languages and Frameworks:

JavaScript, Ruby, Node.js, HTML/CSS, SQL, Sinatra, MiniTest, Jekyll, Liquid, Flutter, Dart

### • Technologies:

GitHub, PostgreSQL, Heroku, Sublime, VSCode

## PROJECTS

### • **Todo List**, [code on GitHub](#)

A tested **Heroku** application that allows users to create to-do lists. Created using **Ruby**, **Sinatra**, and **PostgreSQL**.

### **Tic-Tac-Toe Web Browser App**, [link to game](#)

Browser based app created with **JavaScript**, **HTML** and **CSS**. Published through **GitHub** pages.

### • **Tic Tac Toe game**, [code on GitHub](#)

Simple tic-tac-toe game for the command line created with **Ruby**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Mobile Developer**, *Activo.today*

Feb 2023 – present  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Collaborating with the app developer to enhance the app's functionality and user experience.
- Contributing to the ideation of new features to improve the app's value proposition and attract new users.
- Leading the implementation of key features such as creating an event form, implementing multiple filters to personalize the user experience, and developing a calendar of events with notifications to keep users engaged.

### **Owner/Operator**, *La Isla Cuisine Restaurants*

Jan 2005 – Nov 2018  
Seattle, Wa

- Hired, trained, and managed multiple teams of employees while building the business from the ground up.
- Created an environment that focused on teamwork, leading by example, and mentorship while encouraging a sense of ownership for my employees.
- Learned to be proactive in solving day-to-day problems that arise in a dynamic environment.

### **Owner/Operator**, *The Valley Cafe Restaurant*

Mar 2015 – Oct 2017  
Ellensburg, Wa

- Transitioned into a technology-based system from an analog ticketing system
- Implemented a training system that taught existing employees to train new hires

## EDUCATION

### **Launch School**

2020 – 2023

- Rigorous mastery-based, **full-stack software engineering** curriculum for **programming foundations**, **object-oriented programming**, **networking**, and **database foundations**.

### **Bachelors degree in Science**, *University of Massachusetts*

1998  
Amherst