Benjamin Neustadt

Software Engineer

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My professional career has predominantly been in the visual Arts and Education, where I cultivated methods that enabled my pivot towards software engineering to be smoother: rapport building, paired with great organisation. I learn and apply quickly, with lasting impact, and most importantly with great enthusiasm. I work extremely well as part of a team, synchronously and asynchronously. I strongly value inclusivity, feedback, communication and continual growth.

Tech Stack

Languages:	Ruby, JavaScript
Testing:	RSpec, Capybara, Jest, Cypress
Frameworks:	Sinatra, Rails, Hanami, Express, React
Database:	MongoDB, PostgreSQL
IDE:	Git, VIM, VSCode
Front-end:	HTML, CSS

Projects

Project	Description	Technologies
OpenBook	App for searching independent book stores with map interactivity	Node.js, Jest, MongoDB, Mongoose, Cypress, HTML, Jade, CSS
Chitter	Full stack clone of Twitter	Ruby, RSpec, Capybara, Sinatra, PostgreSQL, HTML, CSS
MakersBNB	Full stack clone of AirBNB	Ruby, RSpec, Capybara, Sinatra, PostgreSQL, HTML, CSS
AceBook	Full stack clone of FaceBook	Node.js, React, MongoDB, Mongoose, Express, hbs, JSX, Cypress, Jest

Languages

English	Native
French	Native
German	Conversational
Thai	Conversational
Mandarin	Learning

Education

Makers Academy
Software Engineering Bootcamp
Apr-Aug 2022
For details please refer to 'Experience' rubric

Kings College London
MA Philosophy
Oct 2016 - May 2019
Thesis: 'Computers as Objects to Think Through'

Goldsmiths, University of London
BA English & American Literature
Oct 2011 - May 2014
Thesis: 'Rhetoric and Syntactical Linguistics in Edgar Allan Poe'

Experience

Software Engineering Bootcamp
Makers Academy
Apr-Aug 2022

A selective intensive bootcamp where I learnt best practices in the following:

- Object Oriented Programming (OOP)
- I understand how to write high-quality clean code following meticulous process as evidenced by my knowledge of Test Driven Development (& BDD) in Ruby and JavaScript
- Pair-programmed extensively, working collaboratively to solve problems
- Clean code: practiced through code-reviews using SOLID principles, i.e. Single Responsibility
- During the course I worked with Agile methods in order to maximise productivity in sync/async set-ups using tools such as *Trello*, *Miro*, *GitHub Projects*. Learnt how to work remotely, maintaining strong engagement in team projects

Academic Consultant
Chinese English Program, Wachirawit School, Chiang Mai, Thailand
Dec 2020 - Aug 2021

- Responsible for building international team of teachers
- Liaising with the Heads of different departments
- Arranging national/international partnerships to establish a reputable program
- Implementing criteria for certain accreditations to be given (i.e. Cambridge International, and Chiang Mai University)

Assistant to Studio Director
Studios Daylight, Paris, France
Sep 2018 - Nov 2019

- Working with large international teams on large budget campaigns
- Ensuring bookings and technical equipment inventory
- Cultivating solid working relations with broad client list: resulting in major brands choosing us as habitual go to

Assistant to Chris Turner,
Chris-Turner-Studios, London, England
September 2015 - June 2018 - freelance

- On location digital technician meant I was responsible for digital image processing. This resulted in the client/creative director being able to adjust the direction of the shoot in realtime
- Extensive understanding of technical motion and photographic technologies
- Specialised in technical still-life photography