

# Bill Stephens

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## Summary

Full Stack Software Engineer transitioning from a successful career in Accounting and Finance. Known for ability to distill complex problems into easy-to-understand terms. Effective at combining creativity, resourcefulness and problem solving to provide innovative solutions to business challenges. Experience collaborating with cross-functional teams and driving both technical and procedural change in large organizations.

## Technical Skills

JavaScript, Python, Java, C#, Python, HTML, CSS, Spring Boot, React.js, React Native, Next.js, Angular.js, Django, TypeScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, Node.js, Express, MySQL, MongoDB, Mongoose, Apollo Server/GraphQL, Handelbars.js, EJS, JavaFX, WPF

## Projects

**Drinking From The Garden Hose** | GitHub repo: <https://github.com/BillStephens2022/dftgh> | Deployed Project: <https://gardenhose.vercel.app/>

*Full Stack Next.js application for podcast management and listener engagement. Admin users can control content and push new episodes from their RSS feed to the Episodes page along with a photo. Site visitors can listen to the podcast via an embedded player, comment on specific episodes, vote in polls, and provide general feedback.*

- *Designed and implemented the entire project, including front end (Next.js / React.js), back end (MongoDB, Mongoose), and integration of Cloudinary for image storage.*

**BarKEEP** | GitHub repo: <https://github.com/BillStephens2022/BarKEEP> | Deployed Project: <https://barkeep-842cb6903459.herokuapp.com/>

*Full Stack MERN app for cocktail enthusiasts. Search for cocktail recipes via a 3rd party API, save your favorite cocktails to your profile page, post cocktail photos, post tips/techniques, like & comment on others' posts.*

- *Designed and implemented the entire project, including front end (React.js), back end (MongoDB, Mongoose, Apollo Server/GraphQL), and integration of Cloudinary for image storage.*

Expense Tracker | GitHub repo: <https://github.com/BillStephens2022/Expense-Tracker-MERN> |

Deployed Project: <https://expense-tracker-mern.herokuapp.com/>

Full Stack MERN app which allows users to track personal expenses by category (Housing, Food, Entertainment, etc.).

- Team collaboration - My contributions were across both front end (React, Chart.js) and back end (MongoDB, Apollo Server/GraphQL) and the compound interest calculator.
- Technologies used: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Node.js, Express, MongoDB, Chart.js, Apollo Server/GraphQL, and React.js.

## Experience

### Vice President – Relationship Lending Controller

2014 - 2022

#### Morgan Stanley

New York, NY

Managed a team of 7 across New York and Baltimore responsible for maintaining the general ledger and financial reporting for a \$90 billion corporate loan portfolio.

Key Accomplishments:

- Collaborated with Technology and several cross functional areas to analyze and implement new accounting standards – this includes the implementation of CECL (Current Expected Credit Losses).
- Worked with the business unit and other support functions on several initiatives which allowed the business unit to engage in new business opportunities – this includes a new booking model to record loan participation trades which reduced credit risk exposure by approximately \$4 billion.
- Managed the team effectively during the Covid-19 pandemic amidst transitioning to remote work, volatile credit markets, and implementing a new accounting standard (CECL).

### Director – Valuation Risk Group

2013 - 2013

#### Credit Suisse

New York, NY

Managed a team of 3 responsible for centrally controlling the Fair Value Disclosure processes across all businesses within the investment bank.

### Director – Americas Head of Investment Banking Product Control

2008 - 2012

#### Credit Suisse

New York, NY

Managed a team of 15 across New York and Raleigh responsible for maintaining the general ledger and financial reporting for Corporate Lending, Loan Capital Markets, Private Banking Lending, Equity Capital Markets, and Mergers & Acquisitions.

Key Accomplishments:

- Earned a “Credit Suisse Award” for leading the Fair Value Option project for Corporate Loans which included collaborating with several departments to implement new infrastructure and procedures supporting the new Accounting Standard.
- Received a “Basel II Award” for contributing subject matter expertise to the implementation of a new capital framework.
- Traveled to Sydney, Singapore, London, Toronto to ensure the accounting records transition

*smoothly upon implementation of a new loan booking system (Loan IQ).*

*Note: Total time at Credit Suisse 17 years (1996-2013) - promoted 4 times between 1996 - 2007*

## **Education**

***Boot Camp Certificate, Full Stack Web Development, Rutgers University, NJ, 2023***

A 12-week intensive program focused on gaining technical programming skills in HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, Node.js, Express, MySQL, MongoDB, Mongoose, Apollo Server/GraphQL, Handelbars.js, and React.js.

***Master of Business Administration (MBA), Professional Accounting, Rutgers University, NJ, 1996***

***Bachelor of Science (BS), Administration of Justice, Rutgers University, NJ, 1994***