

## Henry Sloan van Wagenberg - Software Developer

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### Programming Experience Summary

I am a self-taught programmer & freelancer with 5 years experience working mostly on the back-end side of Ruby projects, mostly, but not only, in the context of Rails, for startups in Berlin including Blacklane, FinLeap, Movinga and Helping among others. I've also had a small amount of experience working with Javascript and Node applications and AWS and related DevOps technologies. 5 years experience with Git. **\*\*VIM user\*\***



### About Me

I've cut broccoli on a Danish farm, co-founded and sold one start-up, [RateMyStudyAbroad.com](http://RateMyStudyAbroad.com), project-managed a development team in the Philippines (while living there on-site), studied philosophy for one year while living in a cottage, sailed across the Pacific Ocean, practiced business sales in New York and interned at the White House. I love programming, solving problems, and taking risks.

### Employment Experience - Programming

**Co-Founder** [baugarten.io](http://baugarten.io), 2016 - present

*Software Developer & General-Purpose Problem-Solver*

I work together with other developers as little freelancing teams to build applications and support start-ups.

**Blacklane GmbH**, 2014 - 2016

*Ruby Developer*

I worked on the Ruby on Rails applications which support the customer-facing [blacklane.com](http://blacklane.com).

**SmartLogic.io GmbH**, 2014

*Managing Director, Berlin Office*

Led foundation of the Berlin office of US-based, Ruby-on-Rails application-building SmartLogic. SmartLogic supports startups with external development teams and consulting focusing on Ruby on Rails.

**Employment  
Experience -  
Outside of  
Programming**

**White Cheetah - Crowd911, 2013**

*Junior Ruby on Rails Developer*

Junior Rails developer for Colorado-based Crowd911, an enterprise solution for emergency alert management. Participated in daily stand-ups, sprint planning process and agile workflow using Pivotal Tracker, git and Github. Paired with developers on the following using RSpec TDD: creating alert message actions via Rails Controller, customizing Active Admin, customizing JSON outputs to our mobile dev team, using Rails models to structure our database for alert severity and many-to-many table relationships between crowds and alerts. Mentored by a Hewlett-Packard developer. Selected as "tech guy" to represent the product at 2013 San Francisco TechCrunch Disrupt.

**RateMyStudyAbroad.com, 2010 - 2013**

*Co-Founder and Director*

Founded, raised funds, managed developers and designers, and led sales to create independent study abroad site with 5,000+ student reviews. Forged strategic partnership and ~\$200k investment with GoAbroad.com, the largest abroad directory in the world 2011- 13. Moved to GoAbroad's Philippines office for 7 months. Managed team of 7 Filipino PHP Symfony developers and project-managed two large software projects. Managed 3 sales interns in Colorado HQ. Drove a bus across North America to sell review software product to universities. Small successful exit for \$70k + 2.5 year salary. GoAbroad acquired 100% of RateMyStudyAbroad in 2013. Customer interviews - <http://tinyurl.com/qa2vfr9>

**Philosophy Year, 2009 - 2010**

*Self-Study Project*

I committed one year of my life to studying Greek and Roman philosophy, beginning with the Pre-Socratics, Plato and Aristotle. Waited tables and bartender in the evening to fund my self-study project

**Mimeo.com, 2008 - 2009**

*Account Executive*

80 phone calls per day articulating and selling New York, NY based Mimeo.com's online print and logistics solution

**Presidential Personnel, The White House, 2007**

*Intern*

Took phone calls, escorted candidates, prepared resume summary documents, attended West Wing staff meetings. Presidential Personnel advises the president on cabinet and other senior staff personnel decisions

**Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), Taipei, Taiwan, 2005**

*Intern, International Department*

Overhauled and reformatted English newsletter for governing party of the Republic of China. Assisted with visits from foreign press, representatives and scholars

**Gyldensteen Estates, Bogense, Denmark, 2002**

*Broccoli Cutter*

Cut broccoli in broccoli fields. Gyldensteen is one of the largest agricultural producers in Denmark

**Education**

**BA English Literature, Minor Economics, 2007**

Davidson College, North Carolina, GPA 3.33

**Tall Ship Sailor/Deckhand & Oceanography Student, 2007**

USS *Robert Seamans*, Sea Education Association, Woods Hole, Massachusetts

**German Language Immersion & Semester Study Abroad, 2005**

Universität Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany

**Intensive 1st year Mandarin Chinese, 2004**

Middlebury College, Vermont

**Volunteer Work**

**Die Lernwerkstatt e.V., 2015 - 2017**

I co-founded a German non-profit which hosts a variety of learning programs. I teach a 1-day workshop on introductory programming to people of all ages. (In German and in English). We build a small Ruby “to-do list” application using Sinatra.

**RailsGirls Coach, 2014-15**

Coached at workshops hosted by the Berlin-chapter of the organization, which teaches women learning programming. Two women I coached went on to get full time jobs as developers.

**[StoicPenknife.com](http://StoicPenknife.com), 2014-17**

In my spare time I created a free, open-source application to practice the ancient Greek & Roman Stoic philosophical “technologies of the soul”. I released it in March, 2017 and it is used by a small number of people around the world by interested in Stoic philosophy and ancient philosophy as a form of “philosophical therapy”.

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