


John Berry


Software Engineer





I am a former finance professional and an aspiring software engineer. I have spent the past three years as an investment banker, advising software companies on M&A and capital raise transactions. While working with these software companies, I grew increasingly curious about software development and began studying the subject in my free time. My part-time studies further confirmed my passion for web development, so I recently quit my job in finance to develop my technical abilities full-time.


I have completed several independent projects and have also completed Harvard's CS50X, Harvard's CS50 Web Programming, and five Javascript-focused web development courses offered through freeCodeCamp. I believe that my professional and academic experience will enable me to be a successful software engineer.


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Education

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Major: Mathematics

Member: Williams College Varsity Wrestling

B.A. cum laude, Spring 2016

GPA (cumulative): 3.70 / 4.00

GPA (major): 3.84 / 4.00

Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom

Selected by Williams College professors through competitive application process to study mathematics abroad for one year.

Lakeland Regional High School, Wanaque, NJ

Valedictorian (class size ~300 students)

Skills

Javascript

HTML

CSS

React

Redux

Tailwind CSS

Bootstrap

Express

MongoDB

Node.js

Django

SQL Server

Coding Certificates

Harvard: CS50X, CS50 Web Programming

freeCodeCamp: Responsive Web Design, Algorithms & Data Structures, Front End Development Libraries, Data Visualization, Back End Development & APIs

Work Experience

Navidar, *Investment Banking Analyst*

Summer 2018 - Summer 2021

- Assisted in all major aspects of M&A deal execution from client acquisition to deal close
- Created financials models for Navidar's sell-side and buy-side clients, which served as the basis for valuation conversations
- Created valuation models based on a variety of intrinsic and comparables-based valuation methodologies (e.g. DCF, M&A comparables, LBO, etc.)
- Compiled company and industry research, utilizing SEC filings and equity research reports
- Drafted marketing materials in PowerPoint and Word, which communicated our clients' core positioning, business model, addressable market, and financial highlights
- Collaborated with the management teams of Navidar's clients on all stages of the M&A process
- Advised Navidar's clients regarding internal processes to improve business operations and produce GAAP-compliant financials

Plymouth Rock Assurance, *Product Analyst*

Winter 2017 - Summer 2018

- Drew actionable business insights and created KPI dashboards by leveraging Microsoft SQL Server, Excel, and Tableau
- Conducted data mining analysis on a third-party vendor that led to the discovery of approximately \$200,000 in overpriced billing
- Utilized complex data sets in order to swiftly respond to ad-hoc business requests
- Led projects spanning several months and requiring interdepartmental coordination
- Drove innovation through the analysis, filing, implementation, and quality assurance of pricing modifications to the company's New Hampshire Personal Auto product
- Acted as product manager of the New Hampshire Personal Auto product following the departure of the former product manager in October 2017; served as the lone employee dedicated to the New Hampshire Personal Auto product line and reported directly to the Director of Product & Underwriting for Connecticut and New Hampshire
- Presented at several monthly meetings on KPIs, product changes, and production defects to audiences ranging from fellow analysts to chief officers, many of them coming from non-technical backgrounds

Interests

Playing with my dog, watching sports (New York Yankees, Atlanta Falcons, and Toronto Raptors), reading fantasy books, and hiking