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 at Navidar, advising software companies on M&A and capital raise transactions. My experience with Navidar's technology clients fostered my interest in software development and prompted intensive self-study. My part-time studies further confirmed my passion for software engineering, so in May I committed to my studies full-time.

I have deployed several independent projects and have completed Harvard's CS50X, Harvard's CS50 Web Programming, and five Javascript-focused web development courses offered through freeCodeCamp. My academic and professional experience along with my innate interest in problem solving will allow me to become a successful software engineer.

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🎓 Education

Williams College, Williamstown, MA   *B.A. cum laude, Spring 2016*
Major: Mathematics   **GPA (cumulative):** 3.70 / 4.00
Member: Williams College Varisty Wrestling   **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