

Hi, I'm Blake!

I'm a full stack developer and designer with devops experience and a passion for entrepreneurship, product development, and learning. I love working with passionate people where creativity, learning, and results are highly valued!



EMPLOYMENT // PROJECTS

Flip JAN 2016 flip.lease	VP of Product I worked with the CTO to architect and develop the current version of Flip from the ground up, designing and implementing features full-stack and building out the infrastructure. SKILLS: Express.js, React/Redux, HTML/SCSS, UI/UX Design, iOS/Swift, AWS, PostgreSQL, Sketch
Coolhouse Labs APR 2014 coolouselabs.com	Head of Product I was Head of Product for Coolhouse Labs startup accelerator during the summer 2014 and 2015 cohorts. Both summers, I put together a small team of designers and developers to work closely with the cohort while advising the companies on all things product development and strategy. SKILLS: Project Management, Hiring, Product Advising, Marketing, Strategy
ScoreStreak FEB 2014	Full-Stack Developer I joined ScoreStreak as a frontend developer primarily tasked with converting their existing traditional server-side rendered website to a modern single page app using Backbone.js. Towards the end of the contract, I was jumping in on implementing features full-stack. SKILLS: Backbone.js, HTML/SCSS, Rails
Nimia AUG 2012 nimia.com	Full-Stack Developer I was Nimia's second developer hire, initially brought on as a backend developer. After working on backend tasks and familiarizing myself with the large product for the first 6 months, I took over frontend development, rebuilding and redesigning the existing Backbone.js app and implementing new features. SKILLS: Python/Django, Backbone.js, HTML/LESS, API Development, Redis, Socket.io, AWS

SKILLS

★ (1) = Effective ★★ (2) = Often efficient ★★★ (3) = Highly efficient

Backend Development ★★★ JS/Node.js (3), API Development (3), Git (3), AWS (2), Python/Django (2), Microservice Architecture (2), Realtime (2), Redis (2), Ruby/Rails (1), Ansible (1)	Frontend Development ★★★ HTML (3), CSS3/SCSS (3), Backbone.js (3), jQuery (3), SPA Architecture (3), Dev Tools (3), React/Redux (2), iOS Interface Development (2)
Design ★★ Sketch (3), Responsive Design (3), UI/UX (2), Adobe CC (2)	Other MVP Development (3), Testing & Debugging (2), Library Development (2), Project Management (2), Strategy & Advising (1), Hiring (1)

EDUCATION

Bradley University, Class of 2012

Bachelor of Science in Interactive Media – Web & Application Design

3.6 GPA

ITT Technical Institute, Class of 2009

Associate of Science in Software Application Programming

3.8 GPA

REFERENCES

Roger Graham

CTO @ Flip.lease

Blake is the perfect combination of the "fast hacker" and the "thoughtful engineer". He's the fastest engineer I've worked with, yet few people are able to create products from scratch with more attention to detail and self-awareness than Blake.

He became the "voice of sanity" in our company, where nearly any high level product discussion landed on Blake to make a final call. He's able to deeply embed himself in the work without developing the tunnel vision that most people are so prone to. That skillset allows him to consistently make objectively great product calls, and our product has succeeded largely as a result of his work.

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Brian Delaney

Co-worker @ ScoreStreak/Flip, UI/UX Designer

Blake is one of the greatest designer/devs (and person) I've met over the years. He has the technical skills and business acumen to take on your project and knock it out the park.

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Drew Koszulinski

Co-worker @ Coolhouse Labs, UI/UX Designer

Blake and I first worked together when he hired me as a designer in residence for startup accelerator program in 2015. Since then we've worked together on numerous contract projects and side projects. Blake churns out flawless code, has a strong design understanding, and thrives in an environment where product quality is the highest priority.

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“Do what you love and do it often.”

“Life is about the people you meet and things you create with them.”



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