



Full-stack developer with +5 years of experience in UI/UX development, Backend development, and System administration in high-traffic apps.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Developer at vonvon inc

August 2018 - January 2020

- Developed multiple websites/apps related to Curious Cat, like [Beacon](#)
- Developed new features for Curious Cat, and kept an availability of 99.9%
- Helped increase ad revenue by working with different partners and running experiments

### Technical Cofounder at [Curious Cat](#)

April 2016 – August 2018

- Maintained, as a single developer, a stable backend that handled +40k concurrent users and many millions of posts per month
- Developed MVP with PHP+jQuery, and migrated to a Single Page Application using Vue.js
- Ran experiments to drive user retention and acquisition

### Freelance Developer at [Webmonster](#)

2014 – 2017

- Freelance work for multiple multinationals and local companies

## EDUCATION

I started programming at age 11, and **taught myself** how to code. I pursued a CS degree for a couple of years, but ultimately decided to drop out to focus on my projects.

I mainly deliver using common technologies (Vue, React, PHP, Node.js...) But I also love trying new things (Like Rust)

## SKILLS

- Frontend: Vue, React, React Native, Redux, Webpack, SASS
- Backend: PHP, Node.js, MySQL, MongoDB, Linux, Redis, Memcached, AWS
- Languages: Native Spanish, Professional English
- Personal skills: Remote work, Independent, Empathy, Work Ethic

## PORTFOLIO

### ■ [Curious Cat](#)

- Curious cat is a Q&A social network used by more than one and a half million people every day, where you can ask and receive questions, sometimes anonymously.
- I cofounded Curious Cat in 2016, and we were acquired by Vonvon Inc two years after.
- Scaling was one of the main challenges, as we sometimes reached **+40k concurrent users**. It currently serves +2B requests per month.

### ■ [Beacon](#)

- Beacon is a Q&A visual social network, created in React Native for Android, iOS, and Web.
- It has a 4.2 average rating, and tens of thousands of stories are seen every day.

### ■ [Brawlmance](#)

- Brawlmance provides statistics for the videogame Brawlhalla
- It has maintained a small but steady user base for many years, mainly from recurring users and search engines
- It crawls millions of players every day, and keeps track of the global trends

### ■ [react-native-web-refresh-control](#): An implementation of React Native's RefreshControl for web, since react-native-web does not provide one at the moment

### ■ [Valentine Cards Bot](#): Anonymous valentine cards! Twitter Bot where you can send virtual valentine cards using a web interface. +30k cards sent

### ■ [Conway Engine](#): A moderately performant JS engine for Conway's Game of Life

### ■ [Node Image Hash](#): Perceptual image hash for node.js

### ■ [JS Launchpad](#): Library that uses the Web MIDI API to interact with the Launchpad Mk1