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ABOUT ME

Superpower: Reflection, writing, and adaptation. Work integrated into life—slower but deep, long hours. Tough decisions after sleep and workouts. Through training, I learnt the mind-body connection; through small companies, I learnt to understand myself. This extends to understanding others and shaping environments so each individual does their best work. **Drive:** Build a generational brand; inspired by founders, want to inspire others. **Success:** When quirks become traits to learn from.

EXPERIENCE

CTO @Grove / Head of Protocol @ Pocket Network

2022 - Present

- **What I learnt:** EQ matters far more than IQ when it comes to leadership
- **What I did:** Led a small team and large ecosystem in R&D of a blockchain enabling decentralized data access and API discovery
- **Result:** Migrated and launched a \$100M+ protocol across dozens of exchanges and hundreds of ecosystem members; built protocol handling 1.5B+ daily requests; published multiple specifications; rebuilt team of 6 engineers after CTO departure

GetSoils

2021 - 2022

- **What I learnt:** How hard it is to sell to old industries
- **What I did:** Built a construction soil marketplace from scratch
- **Result:** Validated market demand but learned critical lessons about industry adoption cycles

Waymo (Alphabet)

2020 - 2022

- **What I learnt:** Built intuition around AI, ML, evals, and how the smartest people in the world think
- **What I did:** Built data science infrastructure for the Planner Eval team
- **Result:** Created labeling and test set tooling used by 100+ data scientists, established org-wide test set initiative

Magic Leap

2016 - 2020

- **What I learnt:** How to navigate politics, what too much premature money can do, and how to innovate technically
- **What I did:** Helped build a shareable digital world for cross-reality experiences
- **Result:** Led team of 5 engineers, contributed to 12+ patents, built device management system from factory to thousands of end-users

Twitter

2014 - 2015

- **What I learnt:** How big corporations operate and what it means to design systems
- **What I did:** Worked on mobile and shipped features like GIF Search
- **Result:** Built backend systems and APIs used by tens of millions daily, automated data pipelines driving product decisions

EDUCATION

University of Toronto

2010 - 2014

B.A.Sc in Engineering Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering • GPA: 3.84 • NΨ 1T4

William Lyon Mackenzie CI

2006 - 2010

Awards: Chemistry, Physics, Math, Top Overall Average • President of Programming Club • VP of Ping Pong Club

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Core: First-principles thinking, System design, Technical leadership, Cross-functional collaboration

Tech: Go, Python, Blockchain, ML/AI, Infrastructure, Kubernetes

Interests: Writing, Hiking, Value investing, Calisthenics, Meditation, Improv, Biographies

Languages: English, Russian, Hebrew