

# RYAN WHITELL

## Software Engineer

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As an experienced Software Engineer, I have a diverse range of skills acquired over 5+ years of work in the industry. I began my career developing a large-scale 3D .NET application using C++ and SQL. Later, I transitioned into full-stack web development, where I worked with React, GraphQL, and Java-based backend services for Amazon's Prime Gaming website. Most recently, I have been focusing on MLOps and Data Engineering for Amazon's Game Growth organization, empowering scientists to answer questions about games. I am seeking a new opportunity in the games industry to apply my skills to a product I love and to learn new industry relevant skills.

## EXPERIENCE

Current  
Jan 2022

### AMAZON, ML SDE II

Designed and built machine learning infrastructure for gaming related science endeavors at scale. Provided ad-hoc software support to scientists.

Python   SQL   Redshift   SageMaker   Docker   Airflow   MLOps

#### NOTABLE PROJECTS:

- **LTV MODEL:** Deployed a model at scale to predict customer lifetime value on a monthly basis for millions of customers. Collaborated with data scientists to convert the model into a production-ready ML system using MLOps principles, and managed the pipeline using AWS services.
- **IGDB PARTNERSHIP:** Initiated a partnership between Prime Gaming and the Internet Game Database (IGDB) team to share game metadata. Drove alignment with leadership to adopt the IGDB game ID as the primary game ID in the Prime Gaming catalog. By doing so, Prime Gaming gained a rich set of game metadata to join its catalog items to for improved analytics. Independently built the IGDB data ingestion pipeline.

Dec 2021  
May 2019

### AMAZON, SDE II

Designed, implemented, and deployed software components for Prime Gaming, improved team processes, and led cross-team projects with a focus on analytics, telemetry, and experimentation.

Java   JavaScript   React   GraphQL   DynamoDB   Kinesis

#### NOTABLE PROJECTS:

- **FIBER:** Redesigned a legacy metrics reporting system and led a team of SDEs and DEs to complete the work. Achieved a 100% reduction in development hours for customer event metric changes by using a semi-structured data model. This laid the groundwork for broader analytics efforts at Prime Gaming by solving architectural bottlenecks that had been stifling innovation.

January 2019  
June 2017

### SHIPCONSTRUCTOR, SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Developed a database-driven Autodesk shipbuilding and 3D modeling app for naval architects and marine engineers. Worked on the data team using C/C++, C# (.NET), and T-SQL (Microsoft SQL Server) in an agile environment. Contributed to client database performance improvement efforts.

SQL   C   C++   C#   .NET   Microsoft SQL Server

## EDUCATION

REGIS UNIVERSITY, MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.), SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, 4.0

2017 - 2019

🔗 Thesis

REGIS UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.), COMPUTER SCIENCE, 3.99

2015 - 2017

Completed the degree online while playing professional hockey.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.), ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, 3.95

2013 - 2015

Note: Transferred into Regis University with one academic year remaining and did not obtain the degree.