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THE BIG QUESTION

Why would a seasoned and successful IT professional go to an intensive coding boot camp?

1. I find virtue in building things
2. After suffered down-sizing in the great recession, I realized that I needed to retool with modern technologies
3. I like coding, am good at it, and it is great fun!

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRIME DIGITAL ACADEMY, Bloomington, MN
Full stack coding bootcamp

2016 to 2017

Full Stack Software Engineering Student

- Solo Project - **Travellogger**
 - Diary app for use tracking highlights and activities of personal travel
 - Traveller can create daily diary posts with key information, links, maps, and pictures
 - Guest can view trips
 - Technologies used: JavaScript, Express, Node.js, MongoDB, AngularJS, Google Maps, Bootstrap, Angular.ui, Heroku, git, Firebase
- Group Project - **Flex Flow Functional Budget App**
 - Collaborated with four other class mates to build for a financial planner an app that focuses clients on the flexible spending portion of their budgets
 - "Wizard process" walks user through Flex Flow questions, providing high level budget numbers
 - This quick process provides financial planner with detail to ensure highly productive client meetings
 - Technologies used: JavaScript, Express, Node.js, PostgreSQL, AngularJS, Firebase, Heroku, nodemailer, Sass

Travel Blogger & Photographer, Saint Paul, MN
Developing variety of internet-based businesses:

2014 to 2016

- Travel Blogging – www.stevenellen.com
- eBook Publishing - publishing eBooks, including content development, formatting, distribution to major e-Publishers, and marketing
- Stock Photography - creation, post-processing, and uploading to stock photography agencies
- Volunteerism - volunteering at the Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning in Saint Paul, an organization specializing in teaching adults, primarily immigrant populations as a classroom assistant in ELL and computer skills

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL, Minneapolis, MN
Fortune 300 Financial services and advisory firm.

2010 to 2014

Director, Project Management Practice - EPMO

Led team devoted to improving project effectiveness and implementing Agile Scrum practices and supporting 800+ projects.

- Led initial implementation and piloting of scrum project delivery practices
- Streamlined and optimized over-engineered project development methodology by simplifying paths, implementing less bureaucratic processes, reducing artifacts, creating user-friendly documentation, and reinforcing project accountability in project teams.
- Revamped EPMO project engagement processes to increase efficiency and effectiveness, including project approach reviews, deep-dives, executive implementation reviews, and project checklists.

ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY, Woodland Hills, CA

2005 to 2009

➤ **Vice President, Information Technology**

- Technologies managed: JavaEE, Documentum, Fujitsu workflow, ILOG, Cincom, WebLogic, Oracle DB, PVCS, Oracle Forms, Information Builders BI tools

CAMBRIDGE STREET CONSULTING, INC., St. Paul, MN

2003 to 2004 and 1999 to 2001

- Independent Consultant

ZENITH INSURANCE COMPANY, Woodland Hills, CA

2001 to 2003

- Vice President, Enterprise Architecture

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, INC. (MetraComp), Golden Valley, MN

Prior to 1999

- Director of Application Development, MetraComp
- Systems Manager, MetraComp,
 - Technologies managed: PowerBuilder, FoxPro, SQLServer

BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF MINNESOTA, Eagan, MN

- Manager of Emerging Technology
 - Technologies managed: PowerBuilder, Sybase, SmallTalk, Visual Basic

NORWEST MORTGAGE, Minneapolis, MN

- System Architect
 - Technologies managed: PowerBuilder, DB2

NORWEST TECHNICAL SERVICES, Minneapolis, MN

- Senior Systems Consultant
- Senior Database Administrator/Data Architect
- Senior Programmer/Analyst
 - Technologies utilized: COBOL, IMS, DB2, SQL, SmallTalk, Pacbase

BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD, St. Paul, MN

- Programmer/Analyst
 - Technologies utilized: COBOL, IMS, VSAM

E D U C A T I O N

Full-Stack Software Engineering Certification

Prime Digital Academy, Bloomington, MN

Masters of Business Administration (MIS)

University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business, Minneapolis, MN

Concentration: Management Information Systems

Bachelor of Arts (cum laude)

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

Major: Studio Art

Computer Programming Certification

Brown Institute, Minneapolis, MN

(6 month coding boot camp for Assembler, RPG, and COBOL)