
JOHN SOLLY

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Specializing in big data pipeline development and full-stack geospatial web development, I comfortably navigate both open-source and proprietary GIS stacks. Committed to delivering innovative, high-performance geospatial solutions that exceed expectations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

College Park, MD

SENIOR GEOSPATIAL DEVELOPER

Sept 2022 to Present

At the EASIER data initiative, I develop infrastructure for efficiently, accessibly, and sustainably onloading, analyzing, and extracting large amounts of geospatial data into blockchain-managed, decentralized storage systems such as Filecoin and IPFS.

- Construct data pipelines for loading, analyzing, and retrieving cloud-optimized, geospatial data from (Filecoin/IPFS) using Shell, RSync, Singularity, and Boost.
- Develop Dockerized RESTful STAC API, TypeScript Client, and QGIS plugin for geospatial data upload and retrieval. E2E applications are based on Landsat 9 and GEDI but are generalizable to any geographic dataset.
- Write tutorial Python Jupyter notebooks to demonstrate functionality. Maps and geospatial analysis with Geopandas, GDAL, and Rasterio. Inline maps and visualizations with Folium and Matplotlib.
- Build dynamic cache and retrieval methods for optimized hot/cold storage.

YELLOWFIN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Boise, ID

INTEGRATION CONSULTANT

May 2021 to February 2022

Empower developers as a trusted advisor. Offer technical leadership and ownership in post-sales consulting engagements with tier-1 customers, ensuring a successful customer experience.

- Design, develop and integrate innovative data solutions according to stakeholder requirements.
- Aid in complex deployments and act as an escalation point for L3 support tickets.
- Thought leader on best practices in solution and integration development. Prove processes and patterns to be leveraged by Yellowfin consultants, customers, and partners.

ESRI | PRODUCT ENGINEER (II)

May 2017 to May 2021

CENTER FOR LOCATION SCIENCE | RESEARCH AND TA

Sept 2015 to May 2017

U.C.S.B COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING | TIER I HELP DESK

Oct 2014 to June 2015

OPEN SOURCE PROJECTS

- **Blogthedata.com (2021 to Present)** A fully featured blogging application written in Django (Python). CI-CD workflow using QA and Dev environments with all code committed to source control and deployed to a Linode cloud server.
- **GeoAsteroids (2022 to Present):** A unique twist on the classic "Asteroids" game, integrating GIS concepts into a dynamic, interactive web game. It's a pure TypeScript application with no front-end frameworks.

EDUCATION

OPEN SOURCE SOCIETY UNIVERSITY (OSSU)

COMPUTER SCIENCE (B.S. Equivalent)

github.com/ossu/computer-science

Graduating Spring 2027

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, GPA 3.93

M.S. GEOINFORMATICS AND GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

Fairfax, VA

May 2017

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, GPA 3.85

B.A. GEOGRAPHY (GIS & REMOTE SENSING EMPHASIS)

Santa Barbara, CA

May 2015