

# Aaron I. Pollock

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Software Engineer • Full-Stack Developer

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## SUMMARY

Full-stack engineer experienced in React, Node.js, Python, SQL, and AWS. Shipped AI-integrated applications (Low·sAI), built React Native features (Better Angels LA), and designed backend systems using Flask, Django, SQLAlchemy, and PostgreSQL.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, SQL • React, React Native (Expo), Redux, Tailwind • Node.js, Express, Flask, Django, REST, GraphQL • PostgreSQL, MongoDB • AWS (S3), Docker • SQLAlchemy, Sequelize • Git/GitHub, GitHub Actions • Jest, Pytest • CI/CD, JWT, MVC

## SOFTWARE ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

### Better Angels LA — Volunteer Engineering Team Member

Los Angeles, CA • Oct 2024 – Present

- Built mobile app features using React Native, Expo, and TypeScript.
- Develop backend functionality via Django, DRF, and Strawberry GraphQL.
- Improved monorepo architecture to support scalable frontend/backend collaboration.
- Replaced react-native-modal with reusable Expo Router + Context modal system fixing scroll/stacking issues.

## PROJECTS

### Low·sAI — <http://www.low-sai.com>

Stability AI • JavaScript • MongoDB • Express • React • Node.js • GitHub: <https://github.com/aaronipollok/memory-palace>

- Engineered secure user authentication with JWT refresh flow, CSRF protection, bcrypt password hashing, and protected REST endpoints, enabling user accounts and persistent memory palace storage.
- Integrated Stability AI for prompt-to-image generation behind a clean service interface.
- Architected a React + Tailwind SPA with accessible components and predictable error/loading states.
- Optimized MongoDB schemas and an image pipeline with pagination and lazy loading for large payloads.

### Note2be — <https://capstone-project-xsl6.onrender.com>

Python • Flask • SQLAlchemy • PostgreSQL • React • Redux • GitHub: <https://github.com/aaronipollok/capstone-project>

- Implemented SQLAlchemy ORM for Flask APIs, streamlining migrations and user-note-tag relationships.
- Designed PostgreSQL schemas and queries for large-scale notes/tags/media to ensure efficient performance.

### Gatsby — <https://etsyclone-4ah1.onrender.com>

Python • Flask • SQLAlchemy • AWS S3 • React • Redux • GitHub: <https://github.com/TomArbaugh/Ets-E-Commerce>

- Coordinated a distributed team using Git branching and Scrum for reviews and sprint execution.
- Configured AWS S3 for secure, scalable storage and retrieval of user-uploaded media and documents.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Elite Prep — Tutor & Curriculum Manager

Arcadia, CA • Jun 2010 – Aug 2023

- Led 1,000+ hours of instruction; developed data-driven learning programs adopted by multiple branches.
- Created digital tools for tracking student performance and automating reports.
- Mentored staff in analytical problem-solving and workflow efficiency.

## EDUCATION

### App Academy

Full-Stack Web Development

Remote

Completed Fall 2024

### University of Southern California

Cinematic Writing, BFA with Philosophy Minor

Los Angeles, CA

Completed Spring 2004