

Adrian Valenzuela
Full Stack Ruby on Rails Engineer

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PROFILE

As an independent contractor with a focus in Ruby on Rails, I have managed to work on a variety of projects with enterprise teams to start-ups. I joined existing projects with hundreds of models and also started them from “rails new”. As a proud member of BridgetownRB core team, I have written tech blogs, mentored juniors, and shared my knowledge to help others move forward. Now I want to join a team for the long haul and be focused on one important cause and move that forward.

SOFT SKILLS

Clear and consistent communication is important to me, as well as meeting deadlines and prioritizing critical work that benefits the business. I believe in listening before you speak, working well with others and resolving conflicts in positive way where all parties work together toward a common goal.

HARD SKILLS

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Ruby, Rails, SQL, Vim, SSH, Git, CLI, AWS S3/SES, Data Modeling, REST, Testing with RSpec and MiniTest, Error Monitoring, CI/CD, Docker, API's/ Webhooks, Heroku/Capistrano, OOP Principles, Design Patterns, MVC, Hotwire/ StimulusJS/Turbo, TailwindCSS/BootstrapCSS/Sass, ViewComponents (GitHub), AlpineJS, Redis, Elasticsearch/OpenSearch, Docuseal/DocuSign, Stripe Connect

EXPERIENCE

Ruby on Rails Engineer, UpaUSA (Contract), — February 2024 - Present
Building a peer-to-peer marketplace with the latest Rails technology for startup. Solo dev in charge of understanding the business, the customer, choosing the stack and services. I think about what the client needs to focus or spend on to minimize upfront cost and communicated what they need to think about later on down the road. I hold weekly meetings with the board to demonstrate features and progress on the applications, answering any questions and ensure goals/

milestones are laid out and being reached. Stack consists of using Hotwire, Stripe Connect API, Searchkick/OpenSearch, Postmark, and other standard features you find in Rails applications.

Ruby on Rails Engineer, NJMLS (Contract), — June 2023 - Present

Leading the project in streamlining a tedious manual process into a digital one. It starts with gathering information via a web form from the applicant to submit an application which then triggers a flow to prompt the applicant to pay their application fees by both email notification with a link and redirect to the checkout page. After a successful application has been approved, a staff member sends out an email to request for finalized signatures, which populates a PDF with the answers and uses Docuseal's API to upload the prefilled the PDF to their service to be emailed to every signer. After all parties are signed, a webhook is implemented to retrieve

noticed of completion on the admin's dashboard.

Full Stack Rails Engineer, Firm Studio (Contract) — March 2023 - June 2023

Created a complex questionnaire builder so users can create questions and define answers. Each answer was mapped to a price in order to calculate a quote based on the customer's responses. I was in charge of designing and implementing the MVP and data model from scratch, as well as implementing Hotwire on the frontend for a dynamic user experience.

Frontend Rails Engineer, Saddlebook Inc (Contract), — August 2022 - October 2022

Helped the team implement a frontend UI with Hotwire (Turbo/Stimulus) and TailwindCSS. Leveraged GitHub's ViewComponent library and Hotwire's Turbo Frames to implement inline editing, Turbo Streams to create a "search as you type feature" and StimulusJS to create a slide-over menu and styled everything with TailwindCSS and created consistent forms with a custom Form Builder from the Rails library.

Full Stack Engineer, Belle — April 2022 - May 2022

The company was in the process of converting their Laravel app to a Rails application. My team included the Rails developers that were to build the app from scratch while implementing a more efficient app and user experience.

Full Stack Rails Developer, Archway Recruiters (Contract) — February 2022 - October 2022

Main engineer during my time there where I led meetings and was brought on to onboard a set of new features including updating the Rails app from an archaic HTML builder for email to using ActionMailer with AWS S3, implemented dozens of

specs to an app where tests were essentially non-existent, and pinpointed performance issues in order to optimize for more efficient queries in the Postgres database.

OPEN SOURCE AND OTHER NOTABLE WORK

BridgetownRB

As a proud member of BridgetownRB, I have helped the project in rewriting and organizing the documentation and have written articles on how to use the framework, as well as given a small conference talk on plugging in it with a headless CMS in the year 2022. Link to talk here: <https://www.bridgetownconf.rocks>

Passion Project

Currently my passion project is creating classifieds listing app specifically for my area: centralcoastclassifieds.com which is a landing page for the beta release.

Technical Blog

My love for gathering knowledge is matched for my love of sharing it, so I created a blog where I focus on discussing technical related content around Ruby and Rails. You can find it at: mugenruby.com