# **April Copes**

## Full-Stack Developer

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#### **CAREER PROFILE**

An accomplished, results-oriented thought leader with expertise in all aspects of full-stack development at a strategic, consultative and operational level. A notable capacity for leveraging creative vision and incisive direction to drive complex, multifaceted projects to timely execution is underpinned by an aptitude for translating complex issues into high-performance, user friendly solutions. Keen communication and interpersonal skills facilitate strong collaborative relationships and engender a leadership environment that is conducive to motivation, target-attainment and technical best practice.

#### **KEY SKILLS AND STRENGTHS**

**Professional/Management:** Software development

Programming and coding

Staff management and team leadership

Complex web application development/architecture

Project management

Programming issue resolution/solution-oriented

Critical and analytical thinking informs innovative solutions to complex problems

Detail and deadline-oriented

**Communication:** Cross-functional collaboration and team working

Requirements gathering/documenting

Client engagement and stakeholder management

#### **CAREER HISTORY**

## Co-Founder & Lead UX/UI Designer | Professional Labor Management LLC

09/2019 - Present

Complex, multifaceted role encompassing technical, leadership and consultative functions in support of an operationally efficient, technically robust start-up environment, specializing in full-stack development software architecture

- Spearheaded the development of the Professional Labor Management application, a cutting-edge corporate money-saving app, built using Node.js, JavaScript, Bootstrap, Jade and HTML
- Blended technical expertise with incisive leadership to drive the project from concept to market
- Worked at a collaborative/consultative level to gather client requirements and develop an application concept; translating this into a meticulous plan/project scope, including milestones, budgets and timeframes
- Built and aligned a multidisciplinary team of 10 to drive the development phase; proactively monitoring performance and delegating workflows in accordance with expertise to optimize quality
- Promoted an agile culture to quickly adapt to changing needs, while ensuring seamless progress and mitigation of issues
- Leveraged knowledge to define roles and permissions for use inside the app, before designing both Android (Kotlin) and iOS (Swift)using web development tools
- Performed meticulous tests based on hypothetical situations to ensure seamless functionality; implementing a task manager to keep abreast of bugs (and fixes)
- Established standard operating procedures to ensure consistent quality operations, underpinned by specific documentation and troubleshooting protocol
- Proactively tracked the budget (and employed coding experience) to ensure maximum resource allocation and mitigate excess spending, while managing client expectations throughout
- Owing to robust testing and the application of best practice throughout, the product was recognized as the most stable app launch in the history of the software company

## Web Developer (Education Sector) | DigitalCrafts Software Program

02/2019 - 04/2019

• Built a strong collaborative partnership with the Lead Instructor to deliver an innovative course teaching programming fundamentals to students aged from 18 – 50+

- Performed extensive research to develop a curriculum/lecture series on algorithms, Big O Notation and basic data structures in JavaScript
- Promoted a culture of inclusivity, accessibility and participation in leading lessons and setting immersive exercises to optimize learning potential
- Employed best practice in supporting pair programming
- Record of success in debugging full-stack applications; double-checking functionality following each new addition, while ensuring a neat, methodical and cautious approach to ensure optimal quality

### **Industrial Electrical Supervisor | Wilkerson Conveyor Installations**

07/2016 - 10/2018

- Responsible for all aspects of the effective management of a high-performance team of industrial electricians, including monitoring, professional development and delegation of workflows in accordance with expertise to optimize productivity
- Led a series of major changes to existing electrical conveyor systems (with expertise in sensors, switches, emergency stops motors, high/low voltage transformers and relays):
  - Methodically checked/identified existing mistakes/issues, including dangerous obstacles posed to fellow teammates
  - Performed testing and debugging across the system to ensure optimal performance
  - Consistently executed changes within established (challenging) timeframes
- Developed and leveraged expertise in electrical schematics, PLCs and I/O circuitry to implement advanced electrical upgrades for Fortune 500 company distribution centers
- Drove multiple critical system upgrade projects (ranging from \$10K to \$150K) to on time, within budget execution

#### PREVIOUS CAREER HISTORY

Music Instructor | Rock Tec Music

06/2009 - 12/2014

#### **EDUCATION**

## Digital Crafts 16 Week Full-Stack Immersive Development Program

09/2018 - 01/2019

- Developed a portfolio of full-stack JavaScript applications using MEAN/MERN stack
- Performed extensive debugging of advanced JavaScript apps
- Employed agile methodologies to develop clean code

#### **Industrial Electrical Apprenticeship (Electrical Engineering)**

07/2015 - 08/2016

## **VOLUNTARY WORK & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Lecturer** | Digital Crafts

**2019 - Present** 

• Researched, developed and delivered a series of engaging lectures on data structures, algorithms, Big O Notation and interview preparation for a diverse student population

## **Tutor** | Locksley Logic

2018 - Present

• Community-embedded role, working with students of all ages and levels to provide free software development, tutoring and mentorship; fostering both inclusivity and participation while facilitating the development of a portfolio of practice and transferable skills

#### **TOOLS, TECHNOLOGIES & IT EXPERTISE**

- JavaScript
- Node.js
- HTML5
- CSS3
- React
- Redux
- PostgreSQL
- Arduino

- Git/Github
- AJAX
- RESTful API
- Express
- JSON
- Web Development
- AWS
- Vue.is

- SOL
- MYSQL
- Git/Github
- Webflow
- MongoDB
- Responsive Design

## PORTFOLIO & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Portfolio: www.aprilcopes.com

• Github: github.com/antdevelopment1

• LinkedIn: linkedin.com/in/april-copes/