

# Atanas Gizdov

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## Education

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### **HARVARD – HARVARD EXTENSION – CAMBRIDGE, MA**

**May, 2019**

- 2-year program to receive certification of excellence in Back End Web Technologies
- GPA of 3.8
- Captain of the Men's Volleyball team

### **BENTLEY UNIVERSITY – WALTHAM, MA**

**May 2017**

- MBA with a Major in Computer Science
- Graduated with a GPA of 3.6
- Winner of the President's scholarship on the basis of great potential and leadership qualities

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST – AMHERST, MA**

**May 2012**

- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Mathematics
- Minor in Computer Science
- Minor in Psychology
- Graduated as a member of the dean's list for outstanding GPA, an honor reserved for only 11% of students

## Professional Experience

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### **AKAMAI – TECHNICAL PROGRAM MANAGER**

**APRIL 2017 – PRESENT**

- Helping Akamai deliver a faster, more reliable and more secure internet experience for customers such as Facebook, Apple, IBM, Blizzard Entertainment, the Super bowl and the Olympics
- Act as the central point of contact and liaison for several Platform and Software Development Engineering teams, developing a deep understanding of SaaS software development, system design, infrastructure technologies and the ability to adapt to shifting priorities
- Track technical issues, understand them, and implement solutions in a prompt manner. Effectively communicate project status and suggest changes to use company resources more efficiently
- Propose solutions to technical constraints using my technical expertise and experience, as well anticipate and remove bottlenecks in the development cycle
- Drive team predictability and scalability. Took lead on migrating the team to Scrum, while establishing robust team measurements and software best practices. As a result, we are one of the most flexible and predictable Engineering teams at the company
- Increased team productivity by 20% and ticket turnaround by 22% in first 12 months with no staff changes, thanks to strong leadership and a rigid, predictable new delivery model
- Take lead on creating, owning and executing a robust roadmap for all teams in our Org
- Deliver monthly reports to Engineering senior leadership on burn-down metrics, team performance, work breakdown, risks and opportunities
- Spend ~15% of time actively developing features, most commonly within a Python/Flask/ PostgreSQL stack
- Highly skilled in JIRA and owner of the JIRA/Big Gantt instance for my teams, including all workflows and configurations
- Work with a diverse, cross-country Dev team to deliver excellence across the globe
- Fail fast and use lessons to improve
- Certified Technical Product owner by Scrum Alliance

### **CVENT – TECHNICAL PROGRAM MANAGER**

**AUGUST 2014 – APRIL 2017**

- Drive success by being the development process leader and feature delivery owner for the Lanyon Passkey Engineering team
- Own and manage the product development lifecycle, from idea to feature demo, in a fast-paced Agile SaaS environment
- Own Engineering backlog and release schedule. Prioritize development goals into sprints, feature releases and roadmap
- Successfully achieved a complete overhaul of Dev team's release process, moving to a two sprint and release model. This strict release schedule allowed features to be delivered to customers faster and with less risk, resulting in a 15% revenue increase over just one year and a customer satisfaction bump of 10%
- Manage and prioritize the constant tug of war between customer requests, technical debt and new feature development
- Exemplify excellent process leadership – successfully led the Waltham development team of 21 Dev/QA through full transformation from "Scrumfall" to true Scrum –sprint delivery was 90%+ during transition

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## **CVENT – QA AUTOMATION ENGINEER**

***April 2013 – August 2014***

- Drive software quality through creating automation scripts, test plans and executing test cases. Close automation gaps for new features and versions
- Write Java Regression test plans leveraging Cucumber automation framework. Testing included Integration, API and UI levels
- JSON and XML API Regression suite specifically decreased production issues within those applications by 80%
- Combine technical knowledge with exceptional communication skills to ensure top quality across the platform
- Took lead on ensuring successful implementation of company-wide app monitoring software, New Relic, to ensure a more complete and error-free experience for all of our customers. 1,000+ production errors detected and corrected in first 2 months
- Worked to incorporate Google Analytics into software in order to track customer data and recognize usage patterns

## **LIBERTY MUTUAL – IT/BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYST**

***May 2012 – April 2013***

- Created and supported Cron-based SQL applications for calculating and producing Sales team compensation reports, used to automatically pay weekly Sales compensation
- Performed ongoing DB maintenance and support within an 11g Oracle SQL stack
- Displayed strong attention to detail as part of Production Support team that required creating critical, time-sensitive SQL solutions and executing them in order to avoid customer disruptions

## **Portfolio**

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- Available on my Github:
  - Source code for my website: [www.atanasgizdov.com](http://www.atanasgizdov.com)
  - Contracting front-end project I did for a local business: [www.breadsongbakery.com](http://www.breadsongbakery.com)
  - Various projects I've built on my own time and in school, including Python/Flask Websocket Apps, Android mobile apps and others

## **Skills**

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| - Python & Flask/Django      | - PostgreSQL / Oracle | - PHP (Laravel/Composer)      |
| - JavaScript/jQuery          | - Linux & Cmd line    | - Web Servers (Apache)        |
| - Full Stack web development | - HTML/CSS            | - Git/Perforce/SVN            |
| - System Design              | - CDN                 | - JIRA/BigGantt/Confluence    |
| - Release management         | - Roadmap planning    | - Scrum/Agile                 |
| - User Story writing         | - Software lifecycle  | - Web Based Technology        |
| - Scrum coaching             | - Product management  | - People management           |
| - Leadership                 | - Team management     | - Strong Communication skills |