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Experience

Turnitin

Pittsburgh, PA

Principal Software Engineer

March 2017 – Present

Develop and maintain Revision Assistant, an application that helps K-12 students improve their writing by delivering instant, automated feedback.

- Developed, tested, and deployed user-facing features in JavaScript and Python.
- Led a team that successfully migrated RA's primary user interface from Angular to React/Redux.
- Led a team that successfully shipped a high-quality RA feature, Proofread Mode, on schedule.

Think Through Learning (TTL)/Imagine Learning

Pittsburgh, PA

Senior Software Engineer/Generalist/Engineering Manager

January 2013 - March 2017

Key contributor for TTL's flagship product, Think Through Math (TTM): an online, web-based, remedial math tutoring application focusing on students in grades 3-8. TTL was acquired by Imagine Learning in October 2016.

- Developed, tested, and deployed user-facing features in Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, and Elm.
- Scaled TTM to support 3,000,000 students completing over a billion math problems per school year.
- Implemented a reporting service that manages billions of rows and processes report requests from teachers, school administrators, and TTL employees.
- Developed a Node.js chat application that allows students to receive instruction from teachers in real-time.
- Utilized a simple branching strategy, feature flagging, and an "automate everything" attitude to easily, reliably, and continuously deploy our applications to the cloud.
- Acted as functional manager for three software engineers. Responsible for providing actionable feedback, conducting performance reviews, setting career goals, and managing the engineering hiring process.

Omnyx

Pittsburgh, PA

Senior Software Engineer

November 2008 - January 2013

Developed Omnyx's Integrated Digital Pathology (IDP) system: an enterprise application that allows anatomic pathologists to accurately and quickly diagnose patients by replacing a workflow of glass slides, microscopes, and paper records with digital images, electronic records, and integration to other systems within the hospital.

- Designed, developed, and tested user-facing features using C#, WPF, WCF, NHibernate, and SQL Server.
- Built control software for a high precision medical imaging device in C# and C++.
- Optimized SQL queries and application logic to support millions of patient cases.

CareCentric

Atlanta, GA/Pittsburgh, PA

Software Engineer/Technical Team Lead

May 2003 – November 2008

Developed and maintained Ac-Cura: a smart client home healthcare management software product that allowed customers to intake patients, collect clinical data, and generate healthcare claims.

• Designed and implemented a layered architecture using C#, WinForms, IIS, and SQL Server.

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- Presented "Make the Big Change ... One Small Change at a Time" at Abstractions 2016.
- Presented "Elixir vs. Node: Callback-free Concurrency" at CodeMash 2015 and Code and Supply.
- Organizer for Steel City Ruby Conference and regular attendee of the Pittsburgh Ruby meetup.

Tools/APIs

- Ruby, Rails, Node.js, React, Backbone, Angular, Elm, Postgres, Redis, Python, Elixir, Heroku, AWS, git, vim
- .NET Framework 1.1-4.0, WPF, WCF, NHibernate, NServiceBus, MSSQL Server 2000-2008

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)

Atlanta, GA 1998 - 2003