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WORK EXPERIENCE

MoneyLion

New York, New York (USA)

Software Architect

Feb 2023 - Present

• Responsible for the consumer-facing B2B2C platform enabling millions of users to search, compare, and convert on financial products.

Senior Director of Product Engineering, Marketing & Consumer Experience

Jan 2022 - Jan 2023

• Led performance overhaul of embedded-banking experiences, driving sub-second first-contentful paint and stronger SEO.

Engine by MoneyLion (formerly Even Financial)

New York, New York (USA)

Senior Director of Product Engineering

Feb 2021 - Jan 2022

• Consolidated front-end codebases into an Nx monorepo, cutting p75 load times from 14 s to < 3 s.

Director of Product Engineering, Consumer Products

Oct 2019 - Jan 2021

Aug 2018 - Oct 2019

• Directed four cross-functional teams across Fiona, LeapLife, and BirchFinance consumer brands.

Technical Lead
Migrated flagship app from Angular to React and instituted a formal career ladder for front-end engineers.

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Gainesville, Florida (USA)

Birch Finance (acquired by Even)
Cofounder & Chief Technology Officer

Jun 2015 - Dec 2018

· Built a scalable credit-card optimization engine and data pipeline, later licensed to external partners.

Ultimate Software Weston, Florida (USA)

Software Developer / Test Engineer

Apr 2015 - Dec 2015

Developed custom automation frameworks and SaaS integrations with NetSuite and Informatica.

Discovery Spot / RILE Pensacola, Florida (USA)

Founder & Chief Technology Officer

Dec 2013 - Jan 2015

• Invented Wi-Fi-controlled classroom robots used to teach STEM concepts in schools worldwide.

EDUCATION

University of Florida Gainesville, Florida, USA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Aug 2012 - May 2015

University of West Florida

Pensacola, Florida, USA

Computer Science in Computer Engineering (non-degree coursework)

Aug 2010 - May 2012

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

PROJECTS

Netsuite Integration

Jul 2015 - Present

• Enabled on-demand GL exports from UltiPro to NetSuite via Informatica Cloud Services.

ITEP - Project Robo-Explore

Jun 2013 - Present

Created robotics-based networking labs for distance-learning courses.

RILE - Robotic Interactive Learning Environment

Apr 2012 - Present

• Remote robot system teaching physics and networking concepts to middle- and high-school students.

Self-service API Extensions via Informatica Cloud

Apr 2015 – Jul 2015

• Added new export entities for cross-system data integrations.

HONORS AND AWARDS

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Robotics: A Project-Based Approach Published on	Jul 2014
A Robotic Interactive Learning Environment To Teach Physics Published on	Jun 2014
Tele-Robotics For Online Networking And Telecommunications Courses Published on	Jun 2014
The Design And Implementation Of Tele-Robotics in Education Published on	Nov 2013
Android App Inventor for the Absolute Beginner Published on	May 2013
RILE: Robotic Interactive Learning Environment	

SKILLS, LANGUAGES, INTERESTS

• Languages:

Published on

- Leadership & Management: Engineering strategy, Team scaling, Career laddering, Cross-functional collaboration
- Architecture & Product: System design, API architecture, Performance optimization
- Web & Application Development: React / Next.js, TypeScript & JavaScript, Node.js, Swift
- Cloud & DevOps: Kubernetes, AWS Lambda, CI/CD & IaC (Terraform), Docker
- Data & Testing: SQL / MS SQL, Selenium, Redis
- Interests:

REFERENCES

Sep 2012