Ayla Myers

I am a senior software engineer with over eight years of professional experience, seeking roles in tech leadership and engineering management.

WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Launched several high-quality PICO-8 games, web games, and other playful media.
- Personally implemented every aspect of game development including game design, coding, visual asset creation, music composition, and facilitation of playtesting sessions.
- Streamed game development online and produced an ongoing beginner-friendly YouTube tutorial series to help others get started in indie game development.
- Presented at industry events such as PAX East and local Playcrafting game expos.

Etsy Tech Lead & Senior Software Engineer Aug 2015 – Sep 2017

- Co-lead a product team charged with building and launching Etsy Studio—a brand new marketplace for craft supplies—from planning to public launch and beyond.
- Held recurring 1-on-1s with engineers on the team. Provided junior engineers with opportunities for career growth and used feedback to improve our team's processes.
- Worked closely with product managers to align our product roadmap with a sustainable engineering timeline and launch schedule.
- Introduced agile practices to the team, including regular standups and pointing sessions.
- Contributed PHP and JavaScript code while following programming best practices, such as code reviews, unit tests, architecture reviews, and continuous deployment.

- Worked with a team of front-end engineers on the AppNexus Partner Center—a space for advertisers and publishers to connect and forge deals in the RTB ecosystem.
- Created extensible, unit-tested JavaScript modules and API services.
- Spearheaded an effort to better track our users' activities by creating a Node.js server to assemble behavior statistics and later driving adoption for New Relic.

IBM Software Engineer Sep 2011 – May 2013

- Developed JavaScript widgets for IBM's Business Process Manager product.
- Lead implementation of a suite of automated UI regression tests using Selenium.

Moog Inc. IT Intern Mar 2010 – Aug 2010

- Redesigned internal websites and added functionality using Java Web Services.
- Made a Java program to aggregate Moog's business data for weekly business reports.

SKILLS

Technical: Fluent in JavaScript, Node.js, HTML, CSS; very comfortable with PHP, Python, SQL; familiar with web frameworks and libraries such as React and jQuery.

Leadership: Very comfortable engaging in all aspects of team leadership; more than capable of handling project management tasks, such as establishing useful processes and setting and tracking timelines; always excited to serve as a technical advisor and mentor; preference for solving problems by empowering others; strong opinions, weakly held.

Communication: Engaged and empathetic listener; always on the lookout for systemic issues caused by a lack of proper communication channels; capable of gracefully giving and receiving feedback.

PRESENTATIONS

Procedural Landscape Generation Workshop at Never Graduate Week The joys of PICO-8 token crunching!! at !!con "Oh No" Moments at Women in Games with Playcrafting Meet & Code Pair Programming Workshop at the Recurse Center Wave Function Collapse at Code As Craft: WomEnby in Tech Networking Real-Time Multiplayer Games at QueensJS Makin' Pixel Art at Etsy	May 2018 Mar 2018 Jan 2018 June 2017 Nov 2016
EDUCATION	
Rochester Institute of Technology B.S. in Information Science and Technology.	2007 – 2010
Recurse Center Self-directed twelve week retreat for programmers.	2017 – 2018
Cornell University Studied computer science during Summer Sessions.	2005 – 2006