Bennett Mertz

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Skills

Tools and Software: JavaScript(ES7), Golang, TypeScript, Python3, Bash, Java/Android, AWS/GCP, Elisp,

React/Redux, Linux, Postgres, Redis, Webpack, Babel, HTML5, and of course LATEX

Areas of Expertise: Fullstack dev, ally, build systems / tooling

Experience

Software Engineer, *lantern.io*

Oct 2018 - present

- Created a staging test environment to profile proxies under simulated high load from many simultanous client connections, and debugged a number of critical performance bugs that were causing proxy crashes
- Wrote build scripts for cross platform linux packaging of the core proxy application
- Audited and overhauled UI accessibility, migrated codebase to TypeScript, implemented frontend of a p2p file sharing product, modernized legacy react code
- Implemented the backend and frontend of a user facing notification system and an issue reporting endpoint

Coding Retreat, Recurse Center

July 2018 - Sept 2018

- Wrote scripts to compile Opency-Python with FFMPEG support from binaries in Centos 7
- Implemented steganographic encoding and decoding in Go

Software Development and Project Mangement Intern, Enventure Enterprises

May 2017 - Jan 2018

- Engineered and deployed a production ready progressive web app used by company management
- Product managed a team of six people in the design and production of an open source data collection app for environmentally sustainable African companies

Research Assistant, Nanomaterials & Imaging Lab, College of William & Mary

Jan 2015 - Jan 2018

• Researched novel applications of surfactant adsorption on graphene using Atomic Force Microscopy

Projects

Ray Tracer, github.com/bcmertz/ray-tracer

July 2020 - August 2020

• Implemented Go based ray tracer that is capable of rendering shapes, colors, shadows, and lights

Concurrent Downloader, github.com/bcmertz/sanic

Oct 2018 - Jan 2019

• Leveraged Go concurrency to create an open source remote file / torrent downloader, with optional built in rate limiting to aid in downloading large video files from the internet

Search Within Video, www.searchwithinvideo.com

March 2017 - May 2017

- Built a platform allowing users to upload videos and process them with machine learning and computer vision to make the videos searchable for objects, text, and scenery
- Engineered a microservice architecture to preprocess video data in order to optimize for scalability and speed

ExploView, itunes.apple.com/app/id1228404743

Feb 2017

• Built a native cross-platform mobile app that uses machine learning on photos taken in-app, providing augmented user experience with suggested related services based off of real time image recognition

Education

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

May 2018

• B.S. Computational Physics - 3.92 GPA, James Monroe Scholar