#### **Bret Comnes**

Mobile: (707) 633-4552 Email: bcomnes@pdx.edu

Portland OR Web: http://bret.io/

# Experience

### Technical Support Engineer

April 2015 - Present

Urban Airship Portland, OR

- Support Urban Airships customers ranging from mobile developers to marketers.

- Custom mailing software for sending personalized emails to customers in Node.js

## Web & Systems Developer

May 2014 - April 2015

PSU Office of Information Technology - Academic & Research Computing

Portland, OR

- Web applications and systems programming with Python and Django.
- Implemented and designed a Github style email correspondence bridge for ARCs ticketing system.
- Implemented user tracking and notification system for ARC's research systems.
- Writing package that tracks MySQL and Postgres database activity of ARCs hosted projects.

# Systems Administrator

May 2013 - April 2015

PSU Office of Information Technology - Academic & Research Computing

Portland, OR

- Responsible for building, automating and monitoring PSU's research servers and Linux Clusters.
- Initiated efforts to automate cluster deployment and management using configuration management.
- Launched a successful user support documentation website to orient new users on the available research systems.
- Trained and introduced new users to ARCs resources and shared unix computing environments.

#### Research Assistant to Dr. Erik Sanchez

May 2013 - April 2015

PSU Sánchez Nano Development Lab

Portland, OR

 Wrote custom control software and a web application that enabled remote viewing and operation of a Scanning Electron Microscope over the internet using Web Sockets and WebRTC.

# Lab Instructor & Teachers Assistant

September 2012 - December 2014

Portland State University

Portland, OR

- Instructed PSU's General Physics Labs and assisted in the upper division Experimental Physics Labs.
- Developed two novel labs on the use of microcontrollers and FPGAs covering basic concepts to advanced topics like PID control theory.

### **Textbook Development Consultant**

January 2012 - July 2012

Cardinal TS

Remote in Ashland, OR

- Front end Javascript development for a interactive calculus textbook website for Wiley Publishing.
- Provided conceptual content and calculus interpretation for other members of the development team.

# Research Assistant to Dr. C.D. Hoyle

May 2009 - September 2011

HSU Gravitational Research Laboratory

Arcata, CA

 Designed and machined custom experimental instruments and developed the lab's data collection, automation and analysis software to study the gravitational inverse-square law at sub-millimeter distance scales.

## Research Assistant to Dr. David Kornreich

November 2009

The Arecibo Legacy Fast ALFA Survey

Arecibo, Puerto Rico

 Trained and operated one of the worlds largest radio telescopes and analyzed the collected data searching for previously undiscovered galaxies.

1 of 2 June 21, 2015

#### Education

Masters in Applied Physics
Portland State University

Bachelor of Science in Physics

\* Humboldt State University

September 2012 - April 2015 (On leave) Portland, OR August 2006 - May 2011 Arcata, CA

## Skills

#### Operating Systems, Languages, & Applications

- Fluent: Linux/Unix, OS X, Windows, Javascript/Node/npm, Python/Django, Git/Github, Travis-CI, HTML/CSS/SCSS, Ansible, Mathematica, LabVIEW, LATEX
- Familiar: Go, Ruby/Rails, Flask, electron, sh, MySQL, SQLite, PostgreSQL, Assembly, C/autotools, regex, LevelDB
- On the Radar: Haskell, Rust, Puppet, Docker/Rocket, NixOS

Character: Demonstrated proficiency with public communication skills. Exceptional troubleshooting and debugging skills. Adept at rapidly learning new programming languages and tools. Local and remote collaborative skills and methods. Excels at teaching and working with others. Goal driven. Positive.

# Publications, Talks, Community Involvement & Leadership

W3C Social Web Working Group

July 2014 - June 2015

Invited Expert

Code for Portland

March 2014 - Present

Organizer & Volunteer

"Development of an Online Teaching Field Emission SEM"

February 2014

Proceedings of the Oregon Academy of Science

Homebrew Website Club

December 2013 - Present

Organizer

"Remote Operation of a Scanning Electron Microscope using WebRTC"  $WebRTC\ Camp$ 

October 2013

IndieWebCamp

"Distributed Social Web Interactions with Semi-Static Websites"

August 2013

OSFW3C Workshop on Social Standards: The Future of Business

Participant and Organizer

PSU Manufacturing and Fabrication for the Sciences Club

2013,2014 - Present 2013 - December 2014

Officer

"Sub-millimeter Positioning and Sensing for Short-Range Gravity Tests"

2011

Proceedings of the 25th National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)

# Recent Open Source Contributions

Node Learnbook E-Book

github.com/bcomnes/node-learnbook

- A book about how and where to learn about node and javascript

SEMterface Node.js

- github.com/SEM terface
  - Enables realtime remote operation of a JEOL-6400 Scanning Electron Microscope.
  - Custom web application uses WebRTC and Web Sockets to provide realtime interactions with the microscope.

Github: See https://github.com/bcomnes for more contributions!

2 of 2 June 21, 2015