

MATTHEW BALL

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EXPERIENCE

BzzAgent, Inc. ◦ Java Engineer

2011 - PRESENT

- Maintain and develop the BzzAgent platform (bzzagent.com) as the business model evolves, including design and implementation of new features, retiring old features, and paying down technical debt. Built an internal-use JSON API which underpins the BzzAgent iOS app. Continually improving code quality (reducing bug counts, dead code, and refactoring; closing security holes) with unit tests, FindBugs, and peer code review. Participate in and work to improve the team's Scrum process.

TECHNOLOGIES: Java, Tomcat, Play! Framework, PostgreSQL, JSP/Struts, JDBC, Stripes, Apache Commons, Guava, jQuery, Git.

Lapis Software ◦ Software Developer

2009 - 2011

- Implemented a RESTful XML API and for secure, realtime lottery ticket purchasing on mobile devices in the Chinese Welfare Lottery. Designed and implemented an API backend and protocol for communicating with a black-box lottery ticket distribution system, as well as a third-party banking and credit API.

TECHNOLOGIES: Java EE 6, JBoss 6, JAX-RS, Hazelcast, Mercurial.

- Built a demo Retailer Information Web Portal for a Pennsylvania Lottery project proposal.

TECHNOLOGIES: Java EE 6, GlassFish 3, SQL Server, JSF 2, EclipseLink, PrimeFaces, HTML5.

- Created an intranet web application for back office state lottery operations. This replaced an aging Windows Forms desktop application as the lottery management system used by Scientific Games (scigames.com). Delivered to Indiana and Connecticut state lotteries in 2010; will be deployed to Pennsylvania and Iowa lotteries in 2011.

TECHNOLOGIES: Java EE 5, JBoss 5, SQL Server, JSP/servlets, EJB, JPA, Hibernate, Guava, Ehcache, XStream, XHTML, CSS3, jQuery, YUI.

- Designed and implemented an executive-centric dashboard for the Colorado State Lottery. This web application bridged an information gap between Lottery management and operations staff.

TECHNOLOGIES: Java EE 5, JBoss 5, DB2, JSP/servlets, JPA, Hibernate, XStream, XHTML, CSS3, jQuery, Google Maps and Visualization APIs, Balsamiq Mockups.

Lapis Software ◦ Software Development Intern

SUMMER 2008

- Developed and bugfixed Version 1 of the Smart Measurement System, a health survey system at amihealthy.com. Built a CMS-like administrator area for managing users and survey groups, and defining flexible, dynamic health surveys. Improved security and cross-browser compatibility.

TECHNOLOGIES: Java EE 5, JBoss 4, MySQL, JSP/servlets, EJB, Hibernate.

Undergraduate Thesis Research ◦ Development of a Web-Based Water Wave Viewer

2008-2009

- Worked with Mathematics professors to create a prototype web application for visualizing and exploring large data sets. Ported C++ command-line client to Python using Python wrappers. Designed and implemented a web viewer to browse and display existing results.

TECHNOLOGIES: Python, NumPy, Trilinos, SWIG, gnuplot, XML, HTML, CSS2, jQuery, Flot.

EDUCATION

Sc.B. Physics with Honors ◦ Brown University ◦ Providence, RI ◦ Class of 2009

- Selected Coursework:

Computer Science: Models of Computation · Computer Systems · Software Engineering · Networking

Physics: Classical Mechanics · Quantum Mechanics · Electrodynamics · Thermodynamics · Cosmology

Mathematics: Multivariable Calculus · Linear Algebra · Cryptography · Probability · ODEs & PDEs

Abington Friends School Abington, PA ◦ GPA: 4.0 ◦ Class of 2005

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Brown University Physics Department ◦ Summer Researcher, High Energy Theory Group	SUMMER 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Participated in search for subatomic particles predicted by technicolor physics models. Evaluated and tested Open MPI for comparing Monte Carlo methods. Developed a series of Unix programs to expedite configuration and execution of large simulations. Created templates for manipulating results in ROOT, a data analysis library developed by CERN. TECHNOLOGIES: C++, Bash, Open MPI, ROOT.	
Brown Opera Productions ◦ Board Member	2005 - 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Board member of and webmaster for BOP, a student theatre group founded in 2005. Served as technical director for BOP's first four full-length operatic productions. Rebuilt outdated website as a Wordpress site with a custom theme, image gallery, spam resistance, and ticket reservation system.	