Ben Elan

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SKILLS

Languages Bash, CSS, HTML, JavaScript/TypeScript, Lua, Python, SQL

Libraries Express, Jest, Lerna Lit, NextJS, React, Storybook, Svelte, Tailwind, Vue

Technologies ArcGIS, Docker, Git, GitHub Actions, Linux, Monorepos, NodeJS, SSR/SSG, Vim

EXPERIENCE

Sr. Software Engineer

Calcite Design System, Esri (Remote)

2025-current

Software Engineer

Calcite Design System, Esri (Remote)

2022-2024

- Consolidated code from multiple design system packages into a monorepo.
- Implemented automated package versioning, releasing, and changelog generation.
- Fixed bugs and developed new features using native browser APIs, including form validation, focus behavior, internationalization, and more.
- Mentored newly hired Software Engineer.
- Tech: StencilJS, Lit, Node, GitHub Actions, Storybook, Jest, Lerna, Frontend frameworks

Product Engineer

Calcite Design System, Esri (Remote)

2021-2022

- Created and maintained continuous integration and automation workflows to increase the team's efficiency, including a script published to NPM for tracking build sizes, and two GitHub Actions published to Marketplace.
- Developed new features and fixed bugs for Calcite components (web components).
- Assisted with sprint planning, issue prioritization, and quality assurance testing.
- Solved technical questions from internal Esri employees and external users.
- Wrote internal and external documentation, including coding conventions, API reference, development tutorials, framework starter apps, and concept explanations.

Developer Products Specialist

Support Services, Esri (Redlands, CA)

2019-2021

- Subject Matter Expert in ArcGIS API for JavaScript, Web AppBuilder & Experience Builder.
- Created multiple internal Esri applications:
 - Carpool app to match employees based on commute time and location.
 - Product support-ability search app for case routing.
 - Hardware/device management web app with server side authentication.
 - Web forms for streamlining exam and training requests.
- Virtual speaker at Esri User Conference 2020: Troubleshooting ArcGIS API for JavaScript Queries
- Wrote two ArcGIS blog posts:
 - Using HTML with Popups in the ArcGIS API for JavaScript
 - Server Side Rendering Frameworks with @arcgis/core
- Tech: NextJS, Jest, ArcGIS, SQLite, Lunr, MERN stack (MongoDB, Express, React, Node)

Web/GIS Developer

InfoGraphics Lab (University of Oregon)

2017-2019

- Implemented interactive web mapping applications.
- Teaching Assistant for Web Mapping (GEOG 490/590) course.
- Presented at NACIS about building interactivity for a digitized, historic timeline.
- Tech: D3, Leaflet, High Charts, JQuery

Intern

Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy Summer 2017

- Assisted with the Wildlife Picture Program by cataloging images and supporting logistics (camera checks), habitat restoration, and data management.
- Collected Snowy Plover population data at Ocean Beach and Crissy Field and created an ArcGIS map displaying the findings.
- Tech: ArcGIS, SQL, Python

Intern

Solar City (San Mateo, CA)

Summer 2015

- Assisted the database engineering team using SQL Server by testing a redesigned algorithm to determine projected installation dates and updating solar panel data.
- Assignments involved writing queries, stored procedures, triggers, and SQL Agent Jobs.
- Tech: SQL

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)

2014-2018

• Majored in Spatial Data Science and Technology with a minor in Computer Science.

Wilderness EMT

National Outdoor Leadership School (Lander, WY)

2016

- Developed leadership skills during a variety of outdoor expeditions.
- Earned five medical/rescue certifications.

National Security

National Youth Leadership Forum (Washington, D.C.) 2014

• Nominated for a delegation of high school students to learn from national security experts.

Information Security

University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)

2013

• Earned 3 college credits for an intensive summer course on information/cyber security.