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Summary

I currently work as a Senior Application Developer for Homesteaders Life Company in Des Moines. I'm a devout Agile priest and the methodologies that adhere to its core principles and values. Additionally, I'm a follower of the Software Craftsman principles.

With that in mind, I like to not only make things work but make them work well. When things break, I like when they break really fast. I yearn to work with a community of like-minded professionals to make constant, evolutionary change every day.

Employment History

Senior Application Developer

Homesteaders Life Company • West Des Moines, IA

08/2020 - Present

Created a Blazor PDF processing application that consumed Azure OCR to scan each individual page, ingest the results, perform additional scrubbing and business validation, and then saved to a MSSQL database for further manual processing.

- This application began before I started with zero tests or code coverage. It now stands at 70% code coverage with 25k LOC's.

Helped guide Azure DevOps organization strategy for pipelines, templates, and projects.

Pair programmed daily with other developers on my team and encouraged pairing across the organization.

Acting as a Agile/Lean leader to my team.

Led and cultured the adoption of a technical talk for interested developers across the organization.

Web Application Developer

Polk County • Des Moines, Iowa

08/2019

I was a contractor full-stack web developer, starting with gathering requirements/existing workflows through front-end implementation with client acceptance.

On top of this I maintained the CI/CD functionality on our Azure DevOps organization and maintained a 'Pipelines' repository with our YAML files, which housed our different strategies for building, testing, and deploying our applications automatically.

I worked with team members in a collaborative and agile environment to craft the best software and provide the Polk County employees and residents the most value.

I used the following tools everyday:

- C#
- ASP.NET Core MVC
- Azure DevOps
- Bootstrap
- JavaScript/JQuery
- MSSQL
- Git

Software Engineer

Casey's General Store • Ankeny, IA
03/2019 - 08/2019

I created and led an API strategy for sun setting legacy applications that needed to continue to speak with each other. These were coupled with a few ASP.NET Core websites that were to replace legacy applications.

To deploy these applications, I utilized Azure DevOps for CI/CD for pull requests, merges, and deployment.

I also largely maintained and refactored legacy applications written in VB.NET, VBScript, and other more long-in-the-tooth languages.

Finally, I wrote a base web application for Casey's IT to jump start new development initiatives.

Associate Web Developer

Polk County • Des Moines, Iowa
06/2016 - 03/2019

I was a full-stack web developer, starting with gathering requirements/existing workflows through front-end implementation with client acceptance.

I largely worked on a small team of one or two other web developers and, under their guidance, implemented various features on a Scrum team.

Professional Skills

- HTML
- Bootstrap 4
- .NET
- CSS
- MSSQL
- MVC
- Azure DevOps
- LINQ
- Javascript
- Blazor
- EF Core
- C#
- EF 5
- Git

Freelance Projects

The Machine Spirit - www.bensampica.com

Built using Hugo, a static site generator, and deployed via Netlify for CI/CD capabilities from GitHub. This is my site where I post blogs, mostly about tech stuff. Check it out!

Angela Connolly - www.angelaconnolly.org

Built using MVC5, EF 5, and Bootstrap 3, Angela Connolly is Polk County's current Board of Supervisor for District 2.

It utilizes Facebook API to pull content directly from her public Facebook page and also links with ShareBlue, a fundraising organization for politicians.

The site received thousands of unique visitors and was responsible for tens of thousands of dollars in donations during the 2018 election. After the election was won the site was decommissioned.

Education

Management Information Systems

University of Northern Iowa • Cedar Falls, Iowa
Graduated 05/2016

Officer of UNIPAWWSH (charity group). Officer of UNISTARR (Student rights group).

Computer Support Specialist

Kirkwood Community College • Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Graduated 12/2012

Hobbies

- I'm a full-time DM for Dungeons and Dragons.
 - I like building really neat computers and like to one-up myself every time - check out my site.
 - I spend a lot of time reading. I own the entire Horus Heresy collection from Warhammer 40k, but also have a half-bookshelf so far of soft-skill and hard-skill technical books.
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Languages

- English