Benjamin Kostenbader

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Web Developer

I am a hard-working developer with award-winning project management and business development experience. I've collaborated on projects in Ruby, Python, PHP, and JavaScript, in all parts of the stack. From networking and operations to customized scroll events and UI workflows, I find solutions in an idiomatic and intelligible way.

Skill Highlights

PHP	**React**	**AWS**
WordPress	**jQuery**	**Git**
WooCommerce	**node.JS**	**CI/CD**
Jekyll	**CSS**	**Unix/Bash**
Gatsby	**HTML**	**Linux**

Technical Work Experience

Front-End Developer   **August 2019-Present**

Top Hat IMC   (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Propose, develop and support a source-controlled, continuous deployment CLI with custom shell scripts for database migration, increasing development environment efficiency and security by more than 50%
- Create award-winning, pixel-perfect marketing websites with WordPress and jQuery, and develop flexible templates and components for multi-use situations
- Manage site architecture, custom permissions and roles, and AWS data storage implementations
- Use OAuth and AJAX to access and integrate WooCommerce and Shopify APIs, then manipulate the resulting JSON for custom user and site logic

Web Designer/Front-End Developer   **May 2019-Present**

Freelance   (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Design user-friendly site architecture including navigation, contact forms, and user-generated content
- Advise on web compliant SEO metadata and best practices for maximum visibility
- Assess existing code bases in Python, Ruby, and JavaScript, and integrate solutions idiomatically
- Create custom estimates and proposals for project length, budget, resources, and flexibility

Client Clinical Access Coordinator   **June 2012-November 2014**

United Health Group (Executive Health Resources)   (Malvern, PA)
- Troubleshot IT workflow issues, process upgrades, and access for internal and client staff and IT
- Trained and supported staff on Windows, VPNs, VirtualBox, VMware, and electronic medical record apps
- Enhanced task queues and daily responsibility assignments to challenge colleagues to succeed

Professional Development

Software Engineering Mentoring   **2017-Present**

Networking/Internet Protocols, Software Engineering Philosophy,   Weekly, Recurring
Software Architecture, DevOps Concepts, Object-Oriented Programming

Awards

Honorary Citizenship – City of Seoul   **2018**
Distinguished Foreign Citizen – City of Seoul   **2018**
Distinction at Graduation – Pennsylvania State University   **2010**

Relevant Work Experience

Program Developer/Head Teacher   **December 2014-July 2019**
Seongdong District Government (Global Experience Program)   (Seoul, South Korea)
- Broker incentives and responsibilities for teaching staff, then hire, integrate, and supervise them
- Oversee new program development for three independent language centers
- Establish and assign program policy and quality assurance measures
- Awarded *Honorary Citizenship* by the City of Seoul, for continued dedication and achievement in the Seongdong District of Seoul
- Awarded one of ten *Distinguished Foreign Citizen* awards in 2018 due to continued success in foreign relations

Education

Master of Studies, Classical Semitic Linguistics   **2010-2011**
Christ Church, University of Oxford, UK   Graduated July 2011

Bachelor of Arts (Distinction), Religious Studies and Jewish Studies   **2006-2010**
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA   Graduated May 2010