

Anna Evelyn Spysz: Curriculum Vitae

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Career Summary

I am a curious, creative and dedicated individual and agile learner in search of a challenging position that will utilize my past experience in the tech and startup world and help me further develop my skills as a full-stack web developer. I am passionate about helping those new to coding, particularly those from underrepresented groups as well as non-traditional backgrounds, break barriers and gatekeeping to become successful software engineers. Serverless is my jam, and good documentation is my passion.

Professional Experience

Amazon Web Services

Front End Engineer II - July 2022-present

Front End Engineer I - September 2021-June 2022

September 2021-present

- Improving the AWS serverless app experience
- Working on the AWS Console in React

Software engineer, Stackery

June 2018-September 2021

- Worked on the frontend/UI as well as backend of the Stackery web app in React and NodeJS
- Refactored and launched the stackery.io website, built on Gatsby and GraphCMS
- Extensive work on and contributions to the Stackery documentation site
- Built on and became extensively familiar with AWS's serverless services, particularly Lambda, REST and HTTP APIs, SQS, CloudFront, CodeBuild, as well as the CloudFormation and SAM IaC frameworks

Freelance writer, self-employed

December 2010-December 2017

- Project manager and author of the *PowerGuide* and *KICstart Your Business* workbooks for [InnoEnergy](https://www.innoenergy.com)
- Developed online PhD courses on the topic of tech entrepreneurship for InnoEnergy and [InPath TES](https://www.inpath.com)
- Co-wrote and edited [The Essential Guide to Being Polish](https://www.essentialguide.com), published July 2013
- Wrote, edited and proofread for a variety of clients as a freelance writer, editor, and translator (Polish to English)

Bitspiration.com

Editor in Chief, co-founder; December 2013-October 2015

- Planned the launch and content of a new technology news portal for Poland
- Recruited and managed a team of freelance writers and staff copywriters
- Managed the regular publication of website content as well as a monthly newsletter and social media pages

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Education

Jan-April 2018 PDX Code Guild, Portland, OR

Certificate of Completion, Full Stack Developer Bootcamp

- Completed a 12-week full-time Python-based Developer Bootcamp, an intensive course that combines individual projects and group study to teach topics covering general computer science, Python and Django, JavaScript, HTML5/CSS, source control, networks, and up-to-date best practices
- Capstone project involved building a social to-do list app using Django for the backend and Vue.js for the frontend: iffapp.com

2005-2006 Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Master of Arts in European Studies

- Masters dissertation titled: *Found Through Translation: The Influence of Anglo-American Modernism on Polish Émigré Poetry, 1966-1980*, supervised by Prof. dr hab. Aleksander Fiut

2001-2004 The University of Texas, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts in English, Associate Degree in Business Foundations, Minor in Astronomy

Graduated with Liberal Arts Honors, High Honors, GPA: 3.84/4

- Honors: \$5000 Academic Scholarship, \$1000 Senior Scholarship, Dean's List
- Emphasis in Business Administration, Eastern European Studies and Literature, Creative Writing

Languages, Skills & Interests

- Core technologies:**
 - TypeScript, JavaScript, Python
 - React 16+, NodeJS 8+, JavaScript ES5+, HTML5, CSS3, Material design
 - Gatsby and GraphCMS content management
 - Testing suites: Cypress, AvaJS
 - Version control using git and GitHub
 - Extensive use of AWS CloudFormation and serverless services
 - Up-to-date developer skills portfolio: [GitHub](https://github.com)
- Other computer skills:** Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat, versions 7-CC2018+; Adobe Lightroom 2+; Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint; Final Cut Pro; Ableton Live and various professional recording and music editing software; proficient in Apple OS X and iOS, Ubuntu Linux
- Languages:** Native speaker of English and Polish; three years of university study of Russian language; rudimentary knowledge of Spanish and German language
- Interests:** Music (play piano, guitar, clarinet), writing and literature, astronomy, physics, information theory, linguistics, philosophy, art and graphic design, photography, Wing Chun Kung Fu practitioner since 2010 (current level: 6)