Ben Regenspan

Web Developer

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Skills

Full-stack (but mostly frontend) developer with strong background in modern HTML/CSS/JS and web application development. Experience leading small teams to deliver reliable, scalable, and usable web products.

LANGUAGES:
JavaScript (ES5, ES2015), Python, Scala, HTML, (S)CSS

FRAMEWORKS & TOOLS:
React, Backbone, Underscore, Mocha, Jasmine, Webdriver, Webpack, Git, Linux CLI

INFRASTRUCTURE & DATABASES:
AWS (EC2/S3), Heroku, App Engine, Firebase, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis

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Experience

Gizmodo Media Group / Lead Frontend Developer, Engineering Director
JANUARY 2014 - JULY 2017, NEW YORK

Lead Frontend Developer (promoted to Engineering Director Jan. 2016) for the New York office. Responsible for setting frontend standards and leading small teams to build user-facing features and improve site performance and reliability. Selected achievements:

- Built out CI setup/automated testing of branches
- Transitioned frontend build pipeline to Webpack; led frontend performance team and significantly reduced frontend load time
- Led team improving stability and featureset of our WYSIWYG editor
- Played key role in transition to structured, display-agnostic post storage format

RebelMouse / Lead Developer
JANUARY 2012 - JANUARY 2014, NEW YORK

Responsible for building out The Dodo (animal news site), writing major updates to the RebelMouse platform to accommodate it (Django/Backbone.js).

Soho Tech Labs (incubator @ Lerer Ventures) / CTO
JANUARY 2012 - DECEMBER 2012, NEW YORK

Built out several major projects atop Django/django-rest-framework, including an ill-fated emoji-based social network and a kind of proto-Giphy.

Huffington Post / Lead Social Developer
JANUARY 2009 - OCTOBER 2011, NEW YORK

General full-stack web development work as well as various API integrations, such as a built-in Twitter client.

Lead Developer / 236.com
APRIL 2008 - JAN 2009, NEW YORK

Education

Oberlin College / BA, Politics
2004-2008, OBERLIN, OH

Obtained political science degree and worked for the student newspaper (The Oberlin Review)