BRIAN MASON

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SUMMARY

Software engineer with 10 years of experience designing, building, maintaining, and migrating high-availability backends with millions of users and billions of dollars of annual revenue. I enjoy working with design, product, customer experience, and engineering to design and architect new APIs, decrease technical debt, and support major product launches.

WORK Senior Software Engineer, Airbnb

March 2018 - October 2023 I San Francisco, CA

- Led working group to architect new GraphQL-based write APIs for listings, reservations, users
- Singlehandedly migrated cohosting and global phone number verification to new APIs, including dashboards, read/write migrations, integrating with many other services – saving the company millions of dollars and decreasing new bug tickets by over 50%
- With my team, migrated listing management backend out of Ruby monolith while maintaining backward compatibility and achieving an ~8x speedup while decreasing bug debt
- Collaborated with design/frontend/mobile teams to update products for major launches
- Investigated numerous incidents, receiving multiple appreciations from incident managers and engineering teams for leading root cause investigation and handling delegation
- Presented to other engineering teams on best practices for Rails to microservice read/write migrations
- Mentored junior engineers

Software Engineer, Josephine

March 2016 - January 2018 I Oakland, CA

- Built online platform for cooks to sell their food to their neighbors and community
- Worked with CEO, head of product, engineering to design and implement features end to end
- Led engineering direction of the company after CTO left and helped hire new talent
- Build backend to support expansion into markets beyond the Bay Area

Software Engineer, Apcera

March 2015 - March 2016 I San Francisco, CA

- Built the Apcera Web Console
- Collaborated closely with design and UX teams to create good user experiences
- Contributed to internal libraries
- Built visualizations using D3.js

Freelance Software Engineer

August 2014 – March 2015

- Collaborated with remote team to build a large CRM app using Rails and Ember.js
- Created web site backed by Nestio data for real estate company in New York

Software Engineer, Causes/Brigade

September 2013 - August 2014 | San Francisco, CA

- Added features, fixed bugs, and maintained Causes, one of the world's largest online campaigning and advocacy platforms
- Built Sinatra-based HTTP service using Sidekiq for asynchronous filtering, digesting, rendering, and sending of millions of messages per hour to our users over multiple mediums, including email and push notifications

TECHNICAL

Kotlin, Java, Ruby, Rails, React, API Design, Testing Frameworks (RSpec, JUnit, Mocha, Jasmine), HTML/CSS, SQL, git

EDUCATION

B.A. Carleton College, 2005-2009, Northfield, MN / App Academy, Summer 2013