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The Semisphere Group [Full Stack Developer] (July 2015 - Present)

- Responsible for designing custom hardware/software solutions for Rhode Island Space Grant Consortium projects under the direction of Seth Horowitz, PhD & Peter H. Schultz, PhD
- Developed a modular hardware/software anti-nausea solution called "Oream" [Raspberry Pi/Python/ Linux/Custom PCB]
- Built custom VR software for navigating models of distant geological structures in real-time with joystick control and location transport for geological surveying [MaxMSP/Jitter/Unreal]
- Created custom prototyping software for prosthetic hand gestures [MaxMSP/Arduino]
- Designed a mobile app for testing auditory solutions for pain management [Android/Processing]

The Engine Institute [Full Stack Developer] (July 2015 - Present)

- Developer of "MindDraw", a real-time interactive visualizer controlled by a user's "Meditation" and "Attention" brainwave levels [MindWave/Emotiv]
 - Created custom software to capture/filter user brainwaves for optimal responsiveness [MaxMSP]
 - Routed auxiliary brainwave patterns into a "gravity engine" to provide more dynamic control [Jitter]
- Architect of "Imagining Blue", an interactive LED sculpture controlled with brainwaves
 - Invented a modular serial stack program that allowed for the creation of 30+ simultaneous serial connections that could be controlled in real-time [MaxMSP/MindWave/Arduino/Serial Protocol]
 - Developed custom software that modularized each brainwave with it's own set of filtering algorithms and visualizations [MaxMSP]

yackcom.com [Full Stack Developer] (Sept 2017 - Jan 2018)

- Responsible for designing and developing a text-based notification and web chat communication paradigm using Twilio for emergency services [Javascript/React/Web Sockets]
- Engineered the server from scratch using Amazon Web Services [EC2/DynamoDB/Route53/Node.js]
- Implemented a button-to-text system to update the client about the current process
- Created a server-side API to receive incoming sms messages from a client which are routed to a web chat interface and chat responses are texted back to the client using the Twilio npm library [Node.js/ Axios/Web Sockets/ngrok]
- Installed a prototype user base and created a modular profile template so a user could read and export individualized chat logs [Auth0/DynamoDB/React]

Multimedia Innovations [Full Stack Developer] (March 2017 - Present)

- Lead developer on "Stenos", a cloud-based transcription web application [Javascript/Node.js/ Express.js/IBM Watson/API]
 - Invented an automation methodology for generating new webpages with an embedded searchable transcription interface for both audio & video sources
 - Created features such as keyword highlighting, quote/word save & share and keyword playback

Pickasound [Lead R&D/Web Audio Developer] (Jan 2015 - Dec 2016)

- Designed the audio DSP architecture which included a standardized effect chain, pitch-shifting, timestretching and multi-track recording with automation [Javascript/Wavesurfer.js/Web Audio API/DSP.js]
- Created internal and UI/UX unit-tests for audio DSP algorithms
- Developed webpage templates and UI/UX designs [Javascript/React.js/Redux]
- Researched and developed fast-rendering audio algorithms [Node.is/Csound/AWS S3]

arduivis [Project Developer] (2016 - present)

- A bi-directional communication paradigm for programming languages & microcontrollers
- Utilizes the ability to build a Serial communication stack manually, allowing for more control, compared to the Arduino Firmata
- Increases research potential of unique datasets that may have been previously overlooked and cuts down research/development time
- Initially created in MaxMSP and Pure Data but has been expanded to Python, Node.js, and in development, Golang

Boulanger Labs [Software Architect/Audio DSP R&D] (2013 - 2015)

- Software Architect/Integration Specialist for the Leap Motion application "Muse" featuring BT [Pure Data/Csound/OpenFrameworks/Objective-C]
 - Designed the underlying software architecture which connected OpenGL elements in OpenFrameworks to Pure Data using OSC and then routing these gestures into Csound
 - Developed the "Auto Muse" feature, an algorithmic play-along system using Fibonacci number theory
- Prototyped audio DSP algorithms/audio UI integration specialist for "csSpectral" [Csound/iOS]

First Night Boston 2014 - First Light (Dec 31, 2013)

- Designed an autonomous drawing machine which would observe environmental conditions using ultrasonic range finders, photocells and electret microphones [Arduino]
- Developed simple Machine Learning algorithms which would pool the collected data and make smart design decisions [Arduino]

Palm Data (Montana Occupational Therapy Association Conference) (April 2013)

 Developed, in collaboration with Occupational Therapist John Konopka, a glove system with an embedded pressure sensor to observe/collect applied pressure data from patients [Arduino/MaxMSP]

Berklee College of Music [Assistive Music Technology Developer] (2010 - 2012)

- Inventor of "Optical Sonance", a real-time abstract drawing and sonification machine (Senior Thesis)
 - Developed custom software to link stepper motor position to designated locations based on an array of photocells [Arduino/MaxMSP]
 - Designed custom audio software, based around the Lucas number system, for sonifying incoming light data as it was being drawn [Arduino/MaxMSP/Number Theory]
 - Post project, developed a custom 3D-printed pen harness with detailed lift control using micro servo motors [Arduino/CAD/3D Printing/Servos]
- Inventor of "wiiAirDrum" for the Assistive Music Technology for Blind and Visually Impaired Musicians at Berklee College of Music
 - Created a custom audio sampler linked to two wiiMotes which would trigger different samples based on specific hand gestures and button combinations [MaxMSP]
 - Software, along with several drawing machines, was featured at the "2012 President's Advisory Council Meeting hosted by Roger Brown"
- Inventor of "MIT-1" (Mini Interactive Tutu) for Nona Hendryx
 - Modified an RC car with a custom frame with an audio responsive LED structure to create RGB LED color shifts in real-time [Arduino/FFT/Electret Mics/RGB LEDs]
 - Created a robotic head system out of PVC using a series of heavy duty servo motors that could pan and tilt, giving the car a sense of character [Arduino/XBee/Servos]
 - Inventor a wireless glove system so the performer could make the robotic head pan/tilt during the performance, making it look like it is listening to the performer [Arduino FIO/XBee]

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