

Danny Wilson

Senior Software Engineer

About me

Senior Software Engineer with 10+ years of experience building scalable cloud solutions and leading technical initiatives. Proven track record of architecting serverless systems, utilizing automated testing approaches, and driving software practices across agile teams. Expertise in AWS, Python, and modern CI/CD pipelines, with a strong focus on robust and performant systems. Experienced in mentoring junior developers and establishing coding standards that improve team velocity and code quality.

Work

Sep 2022 – Present **Senior Software Engineer, Qodea**, <https://qodea.com>

- Rebuilt legacy API to improve scalability, security, and allow future feature development
- Rebuilt a PDF delivery network using Google Cloud Platform technologies
- Established strong automated testing approach to improve code reliability, increase product owner and QA satisfaction, and build a common lexicon when discussing tests
- Worked with Google on custom AI agents to increase utilisation of an internal growth platform by reducing friction with content discovery
- Reduced cost of querying billing data using partitions

Keywords: Google Cloud Platform, Vertex AI / Agent Space, BigQuery

Dec 2021 – Jun 2022 **Senior Software Engineer, DA Languages**, <https://dalanguages.com>

- Increased quality of software produced with defined software standards, review checklists, and improved CI pipelines to perform code checks
- Helped knowledge share within team and future hires by improving onboarding documentation and process, and reviewing and amending project documentation
- Increased participation and efficiency in agile ceremonies by using known retrospective formats, tracked outcomes and progression of retro notes.
- Reduced sprint planning and review times with a repeatable process, decreasing time spent in meetings and increasing moral and participation

Keywords: Leadership, Software developer experience, Processes

Jul 2018 – Oct 2021 **Software Engineer, Co-op Digital**, <https://digitalblog.coop.co.uk/>

- Migrated legacy software to use containers, a modern package manager, and multi-tenanted capabilities
- Reduced lead-time on pre-sale funeral plans with a serverless and SPA design integrating with a SOAP backend
- Reduce the complexity of managing many different websites with a shared build system for CMS websites, a common design system used across different business areas, and a single hosting platform managed by a single team using Kubernetes

Keywords: Django/Python/Backend development, Distributed systems, System architecture, Reproducible builds, Docker and Kubernetes, Trunk based development, Test driven development, Pair/mob programming

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- Oct 2017 – Jul 2018 **Lead Developer, Dentsu**, <https://www.dentsu.com/>
- Mentor other developers on the team to progress their careers
 - Maintain and teach developers how to work with the internal tools
 - Leading on digital pitches
 - Helping with recruitment
- Keywords:** Pitching, Leading and managing engineers
- Jun 2014 – Jun 2016 **Frontend Developer, Dentsu**, <https://www.dentsu.com/>
- Consistently delivered high throughput eCRM campaigns for large clients
 - Developed a email build system cutting errors down to almost 0 and increased productivity 4x
 - Built a internal application for sharing interesting articles among the agency
 - Worked on a handful of interesting IoT-lite projects: a slack integration for a coffee cam, a live video link between offices, integrating Christmas tree lights with Twitter
- Keywords:** Build systems, Custom internal tools, API integrations

Education

- Sep 2011 – Jul 2014 **Bachelor, Web and Mobile Application Development, Score: Upper Second-Class, Manchester Metropolitan University**
- Courses:** Advanced Programming First, Data Structures and Algorithms First, Web and Mobile Application Development First, Professional Development First

Skills

- Web Development Expert **Keywords:** Python, JavaScript/Typescript, NOSQL and SQL Databases
- Software engineering Expert **Keywords:** Bash, CI/CD pipelines, REST API, Automated testing, Design Patterns, Event driven architecture
- Cloud Development Expert **Keywords:** Google Cloud Platform, AWS, Docker, Distribed Systems, Serverless systems, Kubernetes, Object storage
- Extreme Programming Intermediate **Keywords:** Test Driven Development, Pair programming, Trunk based development, Kanban

Certificates

- Aug 2024 **Google Cloud, Google Cloud Professional Development**, <https://cloud.google.com/learn/certification/cloud-developer>

Volunteer

- Jun 2019 – Jun 2019 **Tech Mentor, Django Girls Manchester**, <https://djangogirls.org/en/>
- Two day workshop helping women learn the basics of the Django web framework

Projects

- A CV defined in YAML and rendered to PDF, This CV**
- Keywords:** yaml, python
- Jun 2024 – Dec 2024 **A weather app for climbers, CragWeather**
- Pulls weather information on favourite climbing locations
 - Compares the weather data and reccommends the best place to go climbing
 - Sends an email report each day for the weekend
- Keywords:** Go, MVP

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Mar 2022 – **Username as NFTs, (De)NS - Cosmos Network**

Jun 2022 ○ Frontend application for interacting with the (De)NS smart contract

Keywords: Web3, NFT, Blockchain

Jan 2017 – **Contextual music player, HALA**

Mar 2020 ○ Music player that displays informatin around the artist, album, or track

○ Users could create or consume their own stories

○ MVP built using Django and contained an automated story building from wikipedia articles

Keywords: Python/Django, Bootstraped, MVP

Interests

Outdoor Rock Climbing, Surfing, Running, Hiking
activites

Homelab proxmox, selfhosted

Music Collecting records, Playing guitar

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