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## Primary Capabilities

### Developer Marketing & Sales

- > Developer product adoption
- > Technical content
- > Developer evangelism
- > Developer-led sales strategy

### Remote Team Management

- > Results-oriented work cultures
- > Globally-distributed operations
- > Polyglot development teams

### Software Development

- > Python (primary)
- > Java (secondary)

## Work

**Twilio** | Washington, D.C. & San Francisco, CA | Jan 2014 - Present | [twilio.com](http://twilio.com)

Current: **Director, Developer Content.**

Previously: **Senior Manager, Developer Voices.** Promoted from: **Manager, Developer Evangelism.**

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Responsible for Twilio's top-of-funnel execution and developer adoption results at scale.

**Ubiquity Ventures** | San Francisco, CA | Jul 2017 - Present | [ubiquity.vc](http://ubiquity.vc)

**Extended Team Member.**

Ubiquity Ventures is a seed-stage venture capital firm investing in software in the real world. We take an "early and nerdy" approach to investing in smart hardware and machine intelligence applications.

**AssemblyAI** | San Francisco Bay Area | 2017 - Present | [assemblyai.com](http://assemblyai.com)

**Hunter2** | San Francisco Bay Area | 2017 - Jan 2020 (exited, sold to Veracode)

**Esper** | San Francisco Bay Area | 2019 - Present | [esper.com](http://esper.com)

**Developer Relations and Go-to-Market Strategy Advisor.**

Working with several early-stage companies on developer marketing strategy and growth tactics.

**Excella Consulting** | Washington, D.C. | Sept 2010 - Nov 2013 | [excella.com](http://excella.com)

**Managing Consultant and Python Practice Lead.** Promoted from: **Senior Consultant.**

Created and ran Excella's Python practice, about \$2 million/year in revenue (15 consultants). Developed, performed code reviews and mentored newer programmers. Brought in five new major clients.

**Sapient** | Arlington, VA | Dec 2009 - Sept 2010 | [sapient.com](http://sapient.com)

**Senior Associate Software Developer.**

Led a team of Java developers to implement a cleared forensic evidence tracking system for the FBI's Operational Technology Division based in Arlington and Quantico, Virginia.

**Booz Allen Hamilton** | Charlottesville, VA | Jul 2007 - Dec 2009 | [boozallen.com](http://boozallen.com)

**Senior Consultant.**

Developed Java-based biometrics applications for the Department of Defense to transform millions of records from upstream collection systems into structured entities that could be searched and modified.

**Freddie Mac** | Tyson's Corner, VA | May-Aug 2004, Jun 2005 - Jul 2007 | [freddiemac.com](http://freddiemac.com)

**Programmer Analyst.** Promoted from: **Programmer Analyst Associate. Intern.**

Designed and developed multiple internal enterprise accounting applications that directly reduced the number of days required to complete Freddie Mac's external financial reporting process.

## Known For

**Full Stack Python** | [www.fullstackpython.com](http://www.fullstackpython.com)

An open source book, read by over 155,000 developers each month, that teaches readers how to build, deploy and operate Python-powered applications by explaining technical concepts in plain language and providing the best additional resources that have been created by the Python community.

**Coding Across America** | [www.codingacrossamerica.com](http://www.codingacrossamerica.com)

A self-driven project where I met with software developers and tech startups in 30 cities while road tripping 13,690 miles in 5 months. Spoke at tech events and coded remotely for consulting clients while on the road.

**Async Python Web Apps with WebSockets & gevent** | SF Python

One example programming talk of dozens. Video: [bit.ly/sf-python-jan-2015](http://bit.ly/sf-python-jan-2015).

**Python for Entrepreneurs. Introduction to Ansible.** | Talk Python to Me

Video courses: [bit.ly/python-entrepreneurs](http://bit.ly/python-entrepreneurs) and [bit.ly/intro-ansible](http://bit.ly/intro-ansible).

## Education

**University of Virginia** M.S. Management of Information Technology 2010

**Virginia Tech** M.S. Computer Science and Applications 2008

**James Madison University** B.S. Computer Science 2005