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Full-stack web developer with a background in journalism and a love for learning natural languages: Spanish and Portuguese, Arabic (شوية), much dabbling in others. More recently I've studied programming languages and libraries: Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Redux, Node, Python and Go, plus the basics: SQL, Git, HTML, CSS.

## Technical Experience

**Is It Gonna Rain?** [Chrome Store](#) | [Frontend](#) | [Backend](#) (Node, JavaScript, AWS)

- A Chrome extension that says if it's going to rain in the next hour. The frontend queries a dedicated AWS-hosted Node API to obtain a user's location (Google Geocoding API, based on zip code) and weather data (Dark Sky API)

### Open Source Contributions

- Implemented dark mode at [Offline QR Code](#), a Firefox web extension ([pull request](#))
- Fixed linting errors and improved code quality at [CIVIC Platform](#), a public-interest open data project ([pull request](#))

**Salp Live** (username: demo, password: 123) | [Demo](#) | [Frontend](#) | [Backend](#) (Ruby on Rails, Chart.js, React, Redux)

- A data visualization web app that allows non-technical users to create and customize beautiful charts and easily embed them into their own content

**Softipy** [Frontend](#) | [Backend](#) (Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, React)

- A Spotify clone that allows users to search for music using an external API, create and add songs to playlists, and add other users' playlists to their own profile

## Work Experience

**CoinDesk** Reporter | New York, NY | 2018 | [Articles](#)

- Reported and wrote stories for the leading blockchain and cryptocurrency industry publication that led to [tangible changes in corporate behavior](#)
- Led efforts to increase coverage of [cryptocurrency exchanges](#), a notoriously under-scrutinized area of the industry
- Broke ground in uncovering evidence [social media manipulation](#) by combining network analysis and interviews

**Investopedia** Staff Writer | New York, NY | 2016 - 2018

- Covered spot market, economic and political news as well as producing and maintaining explainers on larger trends
- Promoted from freelancer to associate producer to staff writer
- Carried out projects designed to maximize Investopedia's visibility on major topics such as [tax reform](#)
- Spotted [Brexit](#) as a potentially explosive issue months in advance, crafting coverage that put Investopedia at the top of Google results for several Brexit-related searches on the day of the 2016 referendum

**Investopedia, Nasdaq, Fusion, Kapitall** Freelance Writer | New York, NY | 2014 - 2016

- Covered a range of topics related to economics, markets, tech, policy and investing

## Education

**Flatiron School** New York, NY | 2019

- Software engineering immersive – a 15-week, intensive, on-site programming bootcamp
- Completed coursework in JavaScript (including React and Redux), Ruby (including Rails), SQL, Git, HTML, CSS
- Built five functioning applications in order to demonstrate and solidify newly acquired skills

**Kenyon College** Gambier, OH | 2010 - 2014

- Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology (high honors) and Religious Studies
- Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
- Wrote an honors thesis on indigenous groups living in isolation in the western Amazon, based in part on experience interning at an NGO in Madre de Dios, Peru