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Music school dropout: received a merit award, studied computer science, won a fellowship, co-founded a startup. Shaped software design, development, and deployment from rapid prototypes to iterative products to powerful platforms across commercial and open source software. By automating build pipelines, my teams shipped continuously improving products and services predictably, reliably, and repeatably.

Knowledge and Skills

Platforms	Languages	Databases	Containers & VMs
Linux MacOS Windows	C/C++ HTML/CSS/JS Python	Postgres SQLite Redis	Docker Kubernetes Proxmox
Architecture	Integration (CI)	Deployment (CD)	Frameworks
API GUI HCI	Jenkins Circle CI GitOps	Aptible Capistrano Shippable	Django Flask Rails

Experience (W-2)

Software Engineering Specialist

[Caterpillar](#)

2018-2020

- Design and deliver innovative infrastructure to support the company's autonomous vehicles
- Collaborated with IT to transform data storage provisioning from data center to cloud to cloud native
- Improved forward progress moving prototype toward shipping product

Senior Software Developer

[Rent Jungle](#)

2016-2018

- MVP in production challenged growing client demands unsustainable devops opportunity costs
- Designed crawler data pipeline in Docker/Kubernetes on Mac to AWS Python/Postgres & MySQL
- Managed daily sessions with team to establish cadence, pairs work, and engineering confidence

VP Product Development

[Wellbridge Health](#)

2015-2016

- MVP supported pilots, but MVP was not market-ready for production deployment
- As CISO, IT Director, and VP Product, deprecated MVP; designed and built behavioral health platform
- Designed and built Django/Postgres API plus Aptible deployment while MAYA completed UX SPA

Senior Software Developer

[Forever](#)

2013-2014

- Series A startup with concept to provide digital storage for *100 years*
- Prototyped MVP in Python, Flask, Mongo; Wrote production system in Ruby/Rails on Heroku/Postgres
- Company continues to sell storage product while providing media transformation beyond storage

Senior Engineer

[SMaSh](#)

2011-2012

- Juggled ops customer support from Pittsburgh Steelers to Miller Coors plus new development
- Built conversational text interface to track diabetic glycemia in Python/Flask/Postgres, and Heroku
- We worked through a funding shortage and company was eventually acquired by Mind Matrix

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| Software Development Manager | Wellspring | 2010-2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Profitable with 1MLOC, but ops was unsustainable given no tests, legacy data center, and no devops ▪ Transformed legacy ops from data center to automated CI/CD SaaS deployment minimizing support ▪ Company is still operating independently today after moving from Pittsburgh to Chicago | | |
| Project Engineer | Applied Perception | 2008-2009 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company built custom robotics from scratch for military clients ▪ Ported C# GUI to Linux OCU in C++/Qt; Coded Python XML sonar parser/viz to bridge C++ GUI WUV ▪ Company was first acquired by Foster-Miller, then Foster-Miller was acquired by Qinetiq | | |
| UI Software Developer | Nomos | 2006-2007 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Company built radiotherapy treatment planning products on Mac OSX ▪ Wrote C++ QA tests for Corvus radiation oncology product; Prototyped 4D xyztdesign in C++/Qt ▪ Company was acquired by North American Scientific, then acquired later by Best Medical. | | |
| Software Design Engineer | MAYA Design | 2004-2006 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MAYA was a design studio and technology research lab founded by 3 Carnegie Mellon professors ▪ Built AJAX stack on Linux & Mac Python and NoSQL DB; built predecessor to Hue C#.net for Philips ▪ MAYA was acquired by BCG and operates today as BCG Platinion | | |
| Co-Founder | Cobind | 2003-2004 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We built Cobind DiY Build Tools: a web-based system to build custom linux distros online ▪ Designed, marketed and launched DiY Linux Tools startup to build custom Linux distros online ▪ Cobind built and shipped the Cobind Desktop - an end-to-end demo of the DiY build toos | | |

Experience (1099)

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| Technical Consultant | Caterpillar | 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Built and profiled terrain visualization C++ code ported from Intel to Xilinx ZCU-104 | | |
| Technical Consultant | TenthRow | 2009 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designed and built a live music experience via streaming to fans worldwide | | |
| Usability Consultant | MAYA Design | 2008 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Colaborated with MAYA Design on usability of Bayer Diabetes Blood Sugar Monitor | | |
| Technical Consultant | Zenit Solutions | 2008 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designed and implemented python system to track movers via PostGIS and web2py | | |

Education and Awards

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| Duquesne | Bachelor of Science | Infoworld | Top 100 Award |
| MIT (CE) | RDBMS and IAP | Idea Foundry | Transformation Fellowship |