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Experience

Step Up Labs Inc.

Prague

CEO & Dev Lead

since Mar. 2016

- Founded a US company for my app Settle Up
- Coordinating a team of 5, leading development, building the Android app
- Settle Up has over 900K monthly active users, it's available on Android, iOS & web
- It's used globally: 27% Spain, 13% Czechia, 12% India, 6% Italy, 5% Germany
- 4.7 rating, monetization with ads & subscriptions

green:code

Prague

Lead Android Engineer

Oct. 2022 - Jun. 2024

- Directly managed 6 Android developers
- Responsible for architecture, security and direction of MyŠkoda codebase, one of the largest codebases in CZ
- Organized hackathons such as Android Auto hackathon

Jones Lang LaSalle

Prague

Lead Android Engineer

Dec. 2019 - Oct. 2022

- Led a team of 4 Android developers
- Worked on Jet, AI-powered assistant for building management
- Main focus on reducing technical debt, refactoring, automated tests, CI/CD
- Rewrote the app to Kotlin and other modern libraries

Velvon Bank

Prague

Lead Android Developer

Nov. 2018 - Nov. 2019

- Led a team of 5 Android developers
- Refactored Android architecture of the app to use Kotlin/DI/Navigation/MVVM
- Replaced part of backend data from GraphQL to Firestore
- Coordinated QA, CI/CD pipelines and automated testing

Avast Software s.r.o

Prague

Android Developer and Developer Advocate

Aug. 2014 - Feb. 2016

- Wrote production code for Android apps and libraries such as Avast Mobile Security (100M+ installs) and Avast Anti-Theft (10M+ installs)
- Coordinated the company's open-source efforts, managed developer-focused social media, organized dev events, spoke at international conferences

Inmite s.r.o.

Prague

Android Developer and Developer Advocate

Oct. 2012 - Jul. 2014

- Responsible for the full development cycle of Android apps for clients such as Telefónica O2, Škoda Auto or CzechTourism
- Started developer relations for the company, started initiative "Inmite Developers", publicly speaking about our open-source libraries

Google UK Ltd.

London, UK

Mobile Developer Intern

Jul. 2011 - Dec. 2011

Built a Quiz & Poll system used for internal training, implemented the whole stack – Android app, Web player,
AppEngine backend, Google Apps Script interface

Bondaii Ltd.

Prague

Android Developer

Sep. 2010 - Jun. 2011

- Created an Android client for the start-up, supervised the iOS developer

Kansas State University

Manhattan, KS, USA

Web Developer

Feb. 2010 - May 2010

Created webpages for research projects of Bio & Ag Engineering Department

Skills

- Soft skills:
 - Leadership, Public speaking, Organizing events, Reliable, Radically open, Early adopter
- Hard skills:
 - Android architecture, Kotlin Multiplatform, Jetpack Compose, Unit & UI testing, CI/CD
 - Angular, reactive web apps
 - Firebase, Google Cloud Platform, Azure
- Languages:
 - Czech (native speaker)
 - English (Full professional proficiency)

Education

Czech Technical University

Prague

Master's degree in Software Engineering and Interaction

Sep. 2009 - Jun. 2012

- Thesis: Settle Up mobile app for group expenses, UX testing and monetization
- Graduated with honors, GPA 3.536

Kansas State University

Manhattan, KS, USA

Major: Computer Science

Sep. 2009 - May 2010

– GPA 3.679

Czech Technical University

Prague

Bachelor's Degree in Software Engineering

Sep. 2006 - Jun. 2009

- Thesis: Catch&Run mobile multiplayer GPS game
- Graduated with honors, GPA 3.695

Accomplishments

- Google Developer Expert for Android (since 2015), spoke at 22 conferences outside Czechia
- Helped to develop COVID-19 Exposure Notifications app for Czechia (eRouška) and COVID pass (Tečka).
- Co-organized DevFest CZ conference (2012–2014, 2017 as main organizer)
- Co-organized mDevCamp conference (2013–2016, 2018–2020, 2024 as core organizer)
- Guest in a popular 'Show Jana Krause' on public TV with Google Glass (2014)
- Organized 19 meetups for Android and Kotlin developers (2014–2018)
- Winner of 'Czech Master's Thesis of the Year' contest (2012)
- Google Student Ambassador at Czech Technical University (2011/2012)
- 'Wild card' from Vodafone CZ at AppParade contest with Android app Settle Up (2011)
- 2nd place in local ACM Programming Contest at K-State (2010)
- CTU scholarship for excellent results (2006–2009)
- Winner of JuniorInternet 2003 with my project 'Duna on-line'

Interests and activities

- Playing live action role playing games (LARPs) and board games
- Travelling, geocaching, swimming, snowboarding, & gardening