

DeeDee Lavinder

Technology professional with enthusiasm, grit, and integrity seeking an opportunity that encourages creativity, collaboration, and growth.

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EXPERIENCE

Spredly, Software Engineer

June 2017 - PRESENT

- Work with credit card data, APIs, and open source software.
- Led implementation of GooglePay as a new payment method.
- Manage issues related to encryption, encoding, and security within the context of a distributed system.
- Extend and maintain internal API and integrate with third party APIs.
- Contribute to development and maintenance of Active Merchant, an open source Ruby library for payment gateways.
- Grade application work samples; pair-interview for all levels in Engineering; help implement improvements in hiring process.

Adwerx, Software Developer

April 2015 - June 2017

- Contributed to full-stack SaaS application in an Agile environment.
- Built automated refund system for all transactions to replace a manual, multi-step process that was difficult to use and to reconcile.
- Implemented new procedures to improve workflow between Engineering and Support, empowering Support to take on more triaging tasks.

Self-Study / The Iron Yard, Ruby on Rails

June 2014 - April 2015

- Established self-directed learning practices through books, online tutorials, frequent participation in workshops, hackathons, and meetups.
- Completed a fully immersive coding boot camp, 80-100 hours per week for 12 weeks, and wrote several functional apps.

Before I pivoted to a career in technology, my resume included Entrepreneur and Small Business Owner. I founded and later sold an award-winning retail business. Additional past titles also include: Project Manager, Director of Operations, and Truck Driver/Instructor.

VOLUNTEER

Women Who Code — Director

Organizing opportunities for continued learning, community building, sharing, and supporting in order to inspire women to excel in technology careers.

QUALITIES & SKILLS

- Thrives on a collaborative team.
- Prioritizes people over specs.
- Values inclusivity and diversity.
- Excellent communicator.
- Born with a teacher's heart.
- Loves cryptography.

Ruby, Rails, TDD, Rspec
MySQL, Postgres, Riak, Kafka
HTML, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery
Git, GitHub, Bash, Vagrant, Docker
Jira, Trello, DropBox, Zendesk

CONFERENCE TALKS

All Things Open, Oct 2018

"Ladies Explain the Blockchain"

Duke Nicholas Institute, Oct 2018

"Blockchain Basics"

Self.Conference, Aug 2018

"How the Game is Played:

Understanding Blockchain Basics"

PaymentsFN, May 2018

"3DS: The Good, The Bad & The Future"

Strange Loop, Sep 2017

"Lightning Talk: Brainstorming With Introverts"

EDUCATION

The Iron Yard, Durham, NC — Rails Engineering

University of California, Davis — B.S. International Agricultural Development