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

EXPERIENCE

Spreedly, *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 I was an experienced entrepreneur, Project Manager and Director of Operations. After a successful exit from my business in 2014 I desired to follow my passion and pursue software development.

VOLUNTEER

Women Who Code — *Director, Raleigh-Durham*

Organizing opportunities for continued learning, community building, supporting, and sharing 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, Resque
MySQL, Postgres, Riak, Kafka
HTML, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery
Git, GitHub, Bash, Vagrant, Docker
Jira, Trello, DropBox, Zendesk

CONFERENCE TALKS

PAYMENTSfn, April 2019
"Encoding: Understanding the Basics"

CONNECT - SF, Oct 2018
"Encryption Essentials"

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"

EDUCATION

The Iron Yard, Durham, NC — *Rails Engineering*

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