# **Matthew Lizak**

### **Professional Summary** \_

I am an Operations Lead at Palestra & with expertise in business operations and development, event planning, programming, community growth, and more. I have built useful products, grown loyal customer bases and led valuable initiatives. I value the human experience, and I work to improve it in everything I do - from hosting events that showcase new ideas and leading cultural projects like scanning ancient ruins, to building technology and relationships that connect brilliant people with high-impact opportunities.

### Experience \_\_\_

#### Palestra, Operations Lead

- Spearhead event planning, sales, and execution for high-profile gatherings
- Developed Manila, a site for people in our connected networks to find opportunities, jobs, and bounties
- Coordinated with El Salvador Government to grow cultural efforts like LiDAR scans of Mayan Ruins, contribute policy such as commercial code reform, SAFE law, and Medical Freedom Law

#### **Urbit Foundation**, Marketing Manager

- Led marketing efforts across multiple social media platforms, created merchandise, a magazine release, and NFTs, growing a supporting brand to promote Urbit.
- Organized and promoted the sold out BlimpDAO Event at Urbit Assembly, featuring a professional in airship history and technology
- Served as a Master of Ceremony for Urbit Assembly 2023 in Lisbon

#### CodeStates, Head of Community

- Held weekly Web3 education programs and drove community growth through Discord engagement, content creation, and speaker series
- Built and executed communications strategy across social platforms, producing articles and threads that expanded member base

#### Remote / El Salvador March 2023 - Current

#### Remote / Portugal

2023

#### Remote

2022

# **Projects & Accomplishments** \_\_\_\_

#### Manila Opportunity Market ☑

Manila Repo

- Built and launched end-to-end platform enabling organizations to post opportunities and process applications for bounties, contracts, and research positions
- Implemented responsive web interface with comprehensive listing management system and automated application routing to custom Typeforms
- Technologies: JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Firebase Authentication, Vercel Deployment

#### **Eagle Scout Rank**

· Achieved the highest possible rank in Boy Scouts. For my Eagle Project, I designed, sourced materials for, and constructed an octagonal wooden game ring for a neighborhood park.

#### Education

University of St. Thomas, Double Major; Operations & Supply Chain Management, **Computer Science** 

Sept 2021 - December 2025

# Technologies \_

Technologies: VSCode, Github, Excel, Slack, Notion, Jira, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Adobe Creative Suite

Languages: JavaScript, C, HTML/CSS