

## Hello there! My name is Kali.

I'm seeking part time Ruby or Ruby on Rails projects.

## I'm an experienced Ruby developer.

Here's the high-level story arc to explain what I mean:

- I have nearly **a decade of Ruby on Rails development experience**, going back to building internal security tools for Stanford University's residential networking team in the bygone era of Rails 1. It was a giant leap forward from the Perl script web apps the university was using at the time, and I never looked back.
- After **founding a campus-based social network** at Stanford (this was in the pre-to-early Facebook days), post graduation I joined a San Francisco startup building an international music discovery platform as a developer, then manager, and eventually guided the product through a successful launch as the **Director of Engineering**.
- Following the launch I **formed my own web consultancy**, Deviantech, to give myself the freedom to travel (which, after changing cities a few times, culminated in both a year RVing around the US and another year as a location-independent digital nomad abroad). Deviantech was primarily focused on helping **small startups achieve their MVPs** and then manage the subsequent scaling process.
- I was most recently **VP Engineering at Niche.co**, a combo ad agency/tech play in the social influencer space that I joined full time after returning from my adventures abroad. After a year of heads-down development by our ten person engineering team Niche was **acquired by Twitter** in February of 2014.
- The acquisition was an exciting transition, but I've spent my career avoiding corporatized overhead. **Agile startups are my happy place**, so after integrating our team into the Twitter ecosystem I took a few months off to start a new project.
- I purchased an eco-friendly bamboo sunglasses company, [WearPanda.com](http://WearPanda.com), in April of 2016. After a little over six months of focused effort rebuilding the tech stack most of the groundwork is in place and my partner manages daily operations. As Panda shifts to take up less of my focus I'm beginning to look for **part time projects that I find interesting**.

I'm currently located in Seattle, but the vast majority of my development work has been done remotely and that remains my desired work situation. My standard hourly rate is \$150, and I'm looking for a project roughly in the 20 hours/month to 20 hours/week range (there's obviously flexibility here, so if you need something different don't hesitate to run it by me). Please feel free to reach out to me at [kali@deviantech.com](mailto:kali@deviantech.com) or check me out on LinkedIn or GitHub.

## Find Me Online

Looking for something more than a paper resume? Check out:

- My resume on [LinkedIn](#)
- My code on GitHub: [Personal](#) and [Business](#)
- I'm also a [real person!](#)

## Skills

As an **individual contributor**: comfortable with the full stack. Frequently been sole developer taking small startups from the idea phase to functional MVPs and beyond.

As a **manager**: used to coordinating remote teams. Firm believer in a [No Asshole](#) policy.

As an **architect**: experienced constructing thoughtfully designed systems to enable scaling and future modification without imposing undue overhead on current development.

## A Sampling of Technology

On the backend:

- Ruby and Rails
- MySQL/PostgreSQL/Redis
- Resque and Sidekiq

User-facing:

- HTML5/CSS3
- Haml/Sass/Coffeescript
- jQuery UJS (let's not talk about Prototype and the Script.aculo.us days)

Far-backend (DevOps):

- git/github
- AWS and Heroku
- Chef/Docker
- Codeship/Continuous Delivery

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### Profile

Full-stack Rails developer. Entrepreneur, technologist, and traveler. Experienced with strategic consulting for technology startups (CTO-for-hire).

### Seeking

Part time, remote Ruby/Ruby on Rails development positions.

### Experience

#### **Owner & President, Panda Ventures — Apr 2016 - Present**

After the Twitter acquisition I purchased an eco-friendly bamboo sunglasses company, [WearPanda.com](http://WearPanda.com). After six months of full time work focused on rebuilding the tech stack it no longer requires so much of my time, so I'm open to adding in interesting external projects.

#### **VP Engineering, The Niche Project, Inc. — Jan 2014 - Oct 2015**

Niche builds essential toolkits for the social web, and was acquired by Twitter in February, 2015.

#### **Founder and CEO, Deviantech, Inc. — 2009 - 2014**

Deviantech is a web consultancy with expertise in a broad range of internet technologies and an abiding passion for Ruby on Rails development.

#### **Director of Engineering, Your Net Works, Inc. — 2008 - 2009**

Managed geographically-distributed development team crafting an international music discovery and distribution platform. Oversaw development, guided company through successful launch, and subsequently scaled the application to tens of thousands of active users.

#### **Various Technical Positions, Stanford University — 2005 - 2007**

Played a variety of roles on campus, providing all-hours emergency network support and training student staff in computer security best practices. Also performed freelance web development and founded a campus-based book exchange service, [TheHappyZork.com](http://TheHappyZork.com).

### Education

#### **Stanford University, Palo Alto, California — 2003 - 2007**

Bachelor's degree in International Relations, minor in Computer Science.

### More Information

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