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EDUCATION

California State University, Long Beach   Expected May 2026

B.S. Computer Science - 3.78 GPA   Long Beach, CA

EXPERIENCE

Lead Software Engineer / Owner   June 2025 – Present

The Inked Network *(Nuxt, Supabase, Stripe, SEO, AI Integration, Full-Stack Development)*   Lake Forest, CA

- **Developed and launched** a Nuxt + Supabase web app adopted by **200+ tattoo artists**, delivering real-time chat, profile management, and subscription features.
- **Integrated third-party APIs** (Stripe, Google Maps, OpenAI GPT-4o, ImageKit/S3) to enable subscriptions, AI-enhanced search, event management, and auto-tagging of images.
- **Designed secure, scalable data models** with Supabase RLS and role-based access control, ensuring isolated chat sessions and controlled file uploads.

Full Stack Developer   May 2022 – Present

Ethika Inc. *(Vue.js, Symfony, MongoDB, Bootstrap, AWS, Redis, Docker, GitHub Actions)*   Lake Forest, CA

- **Optimized** Algolia search integration, **reducing API calls and search costs by 60%** while **improving response time by 60%** for a faster and more efficient user experience.
- **Improved page load times by 30%** by optimizing image storage and modernized our state management system. Integrated Klaviyo to handle email, SMS, and back-in-stock notifications, **boosting customer engagement by 26%**.
- Designed and launched a promotional video game that attracted **20,000 players** and hit **550,000+ total plays**, driving brand engagement in a fun, creative way.
- **Led** the creation of a music content management system to manage **500+ talent profiles**, track over **5,000 digital assets**, and provide useful **automated reports**.
- Enhanced SEO and web performance using **Google Lighthouse, improving page speed by 20%**, accessibility, and best practices scores by refining lazy loading, eliminating render-blocking resources, and enhancing structured metadata.

Software Engineer   August 2022 – March 2025

Nexpa LLC *(Vue.js, NestJS, MongoDB, Tailwind CSS, AWS, Google Analytics)*   Lake Forest, CA

- Implemented a responsive food truck website with language switching **(i18n), Square online orders increasing revenue by 15%**, and automated email confirmations, while implementing cron jobs for menu updates and reusable UI components.
- Created and deployed a scalable restaurant website with custom **online ordering using Square Payments**, leveraging NestJS and REST APIs, establishing **CI/CD pipelines**, **reducing deployment time by 40%**, and improving system reliability.

PROJECTS

Web Programmer   July 2023 – July 2024

Saddleback College Robotics Club *(ROS2, Python, Rust, C++, Vue.js, Django)*   Mission Viejo, CA

- Developed a Django + ROS2 web GUI **enabling real-time rover navigation**, science platform control, and **telemetry monitoring**. Implemented **bi-weekly Scrum sprints**, delivering functional features and tests on schedule.
- Integrated **live camera feeds** and rover feedback into a responsive Vue.js frontend for the base station.
- Contributed to the team's advancement to the **University Rover Challenge finals**, ranking **three places higher**.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** JavaScript, TypeScript, PHP, C++, Java, Python, Rust, SQL
- **Frameworks & Libraries:** Vue.js, Nuxt, React, Bootstrap, Tailwind CSS, Symfony, Django, NestJS, Node.js, Stripe
- **Databases:** MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Redis, Supabase
- **DevOps & Tools:** AWS, Vercel, Cloudflare, Docker, Railway, Git, Linux, Jira