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WORK EXPERIENCE

SidePrize (http://www.sideprize.com**)**
Head of Engineering, (Jan 2016 - present) **[100% REMOTE]**
Senior Software Engineer, (May '15 - Dec '15) **[100% REMOTE]**

SidePrize integrates with your existing Fantasy Sports League to enable real money challenges, facilitate your league buy-in, and gives your league a personal Fantasy Assistant.

- Employee #1; Rails 4+, Ruby 2+, Rsepc, PG, JavaScript, Capistrano, SideKiq, Linode, Bootstrap
- Only Full Time Engineer on the team, responsible for the entire functionality of web app
- Built and documented API that is being used by contractor to build the Mobile App
- Built 7 integrations with Fantasy Sports Providers via APIs / Scrapping. Integration development involves pulling the data of the users fantasy team, league, schedule, and scoring.
- Built Background Jobs to fully automate scoring and settling of challenges
- Built Payment Gateway System allowing users to make deposits via credit cards / PayPal on SidePrize
- Rebuilt Leagues Home Page with a new design implementing a countdown timer and matchup cards
- Technical voice in dealings with prospective and current partnership deals
- Strong voice in conversations relating to company strategy and direction
- Time Spent in Ruby/Rails: 70%, Javascript: 15%, CSS: 15%

Enova (http://www.enova.com)
Sr. Software Engineer, (Oct '14 - June '15, Chicago, Illinois)
Software Engineer, (Aug '13 - Sep '14, Chicago, Illinois)

Enova is a technology and data analytics driven online lending company operating 11 Brands in 6 Countries around the world.

- Tech Lead on 4-person agile development team, responsible for multiple Products and Internal Tools
- Work with Rails 4+, Ruby 2+, PG, JavaScript, EmberJS, Cucumber, Rsepc, Jenkins, Bootstrap, SASS
- Lead developer on new CMS. Backend is an API delivered as a Rails Engine, and the Front End is a UI built in Ember. The backend is Open Sourced and can be seen at www.github.com/enova/landable
- Worked on redesign of PoundsToPocket and CashNetUSA; goal was to make sites more mobile friendly, extract these apps away from Monolithic code base, and integrate sites with new CMS.
- Led the integration of Adobe Analytics into multiple products
- Built an easy way to connect English pages with their Spanish counterpart for CashNetUSA
- Lead developer on Compliance team for QuickQuidFlexCredit in integrating with new FCA standards
- Created and was leader of Culture Guild; focused on improving culture within the R&D department
- Time Spent in Ruby/Rails: 65%, Javascript: 25%, CSS: 10%

G2 Crowd (http://www.g2crowd.com)
Software Engineer (August '12 – July '13, Highland Park, Illinois)

G2 Crowd is the world's leading business software review platform, leveraging its 80,000+ user reviews and patented Grid to help software buyers make better purchasing decisions.

- Employee #1; Member of 4-person agile development team
- Technology stack included Rails 3.2, Ruby 2.0, Heroku, AWS, PostgreSQL, Rspec, Circle CI
- Built "Best Software Reviews" feature to show users the best products and best review in chosen categories
- Built "Grid Widget" allowing team to implement the G2 Grid wherever
- Built Company Admin so company can see metrics, data in real time
- Led SEO optimization team
- Time Spent in Ruby/Rails: 80%, Javascript: 15%, CSS: 5%

EDUCATION
University of Wisconsin-Madison, *Madison, Wisconsin (Bachelor of Arts, May '11)*
　　　Double Major: Economics & Communication Arts (Communication Science & Rhetorical Studies)
University of Sydney, *Sydney, Australia (Spring '10, Study Abroad)*
Semester at Sea *(Summer '09, Study Abroad)*

The Starter League (http://www.starterleague.com)**,** *(April '12 –July '12, Chicago)*

The Starter League is an immersive, intensive 12 week program that introduced me to Ruby on Rails development as well as Javascript, HTML and CSS

- Winner of in-house Hackathon with AStoryOrTwo (http://github.com/dkaplan88/astoryortwo)
- Built a website aimed at spreading the beauty of the high five (http://github.com/dkaplan88/high_five_app)
- Built website that showed local volunteer opportunities with a social component. I presented MVP to audience of 300+ people for Demo Day (https://github.com/dkaplan88/Voluntrme)
- Blog of my experience, and video of my Demo Day presentation (http://dkaplan88.wordpress.com)

OTHER NOTEWORTHY THINGS
Remote Year (http:://www.remoteyear.com)
Participant (*June '15 - May '16*)
- Part of Inaugural Program that traveled to 12 different countries with 60 other digital nomads

DECA Business Club at The University of Wisconsin-Madison
Partner Relations (Aug '10 - May '11)
President (Aug. '09 - Dec. '09)
Marketing Chair (Sept '07 - May '09)
- Co-Founder of DECA Chapter; led team to secure approval to be part of University and Business School
- Increased membership from 4 to over 150 paying members in 4 years
- Created and sold DECA Discount Card that gave deals for students at local restaurants and bars
- Established DECA as most popular business club on campus

Member (Hustler), The StartupBus – Boston (March '12)
Represented the University of Wisconsin in Big Ten Case Competition (March '08, '09, '11)
First Place Winner, DECA Wisconsin State, in International Marketing Category (March '09)
First Place Winner, Accenture Leadership Case Competition (December '07, '08, '10)
Member, The Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity
Traveled to all 50 States, and more than 40 Countries