Drew Volz

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Experience

thoughtbot **Software Engineer**

October 2018 - March 2020

I worked within startups and Fortune 500s to build validated MVPs and fully-fledged products.

- Interoperable iOS development at Etsy across design system components, messaging, and analytics on the Native Toolkit and Apps Cross Initiative teams.
- Built out Houseparty's video chatting web app in TypeScript and React.
- Built out Doggo's pet insurance web platform in React.
- Internal development on tooling for finances, scheduling, and operations dashboards.
- Interviewed iOS and React developer candidates weekly.

Lexmark

Software Engineer II

June 2016 – August 2018

Technical Rotation Program which consisted of three, eight-month rotations. During my three rotations I worked on firmware flashing, mobile applications, and manufacturing automation.

Manufacturing Automation Systems Engineering Team (November 2017 – August 2018)

- Developed web-based status screen system.
- Implementation of a websocket-based API.

Mobile Applications Team (February 2017 – October 2017)

- Developed a mobile app that enabled wireless printer configuration.
- Implementation of wireless out-of-box printer setup in firmware.

System BIOS Team (June 2016 – January 2017)

- Designed, implemented, and debugged firmware for laser printers.
- Developed a command-line firmware flashing tool.
- Maintained firmware flashing update GUI to Apple AirPrint spec.

Software Engineer Intern

May 2014 – September 2015

Mechanical Engineering Services Team

- Developed dashboards for visualizations of large manufacturing datasets.
- Developed custom tools to manage manufacturing lines of toner/photoconductive drums.

Education

St. Olaf College

- B.A. Computer Science
- Undergraduate Coursework:
 - Computational Thinking in R and Python
 - Algorithm Analysis and Data Structures
 - Software Design and Implementation
 - Programming Languages

(Graduated May 2016)

- Independent Research in Software Dev Ethical Issues in Software Design
- Mobile Web Graphics/Computing Apps
- Capstone: Tiled-Display Rendering

Projects

All About Olaf and CARLS - iOS & Android apps

- Unofficial mobile apps for St. Olaf and Carleton College.
- Cross-platform development in React Native, testing, continuous integration with CircleCI / Travis.
- Open Source, published on Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Bottomless — iOS app

- Open Source unofficial mobile app to track and manage coffee subscriptions from Bottomless.
- Written in SwiftUI and the Combine framework.

Tiled-based display rendering — Mac mini networking cluster

- Designed a coherent display to model large data across many computers.
- Defined a format for uniformly configuring computers to communicate and share data.
- Calculated the limitations of network, software, and hardware used.

Picasso — Steganographic text/image encryption

- Designed a software utility that can translate Portable Pixmap Format (PPM) files to Scheme.
- Developed a method for encoding ASCII values into RGB values inside image pixels.

Volunteering

Haiti Health Initiative (January 2017 – Present)

Praying Pelican Missions (June 2011)