

Dan Miller

SOFTWARE ENGINEER · LIFELONG LEARNER · GAME DEVELOPER

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Summary

Senior software engineer at financial startup Dispute.com and founder of Fraculation LLC. I have 9 years of professional experience and have been writing code since 2010. My experience is varied, starting with full stack development in C# and Angular across both AWS and Azure, then teaching myself real-time application development in C# and Rust, most recently leading development of a real-time financial dispute resolution platform built with C# and dotnet core.

Expert in C#, Unity, Terraform, Dotnet Core, and Typescript. Currently learning Vim and Rust. Looking to solve complex and meaningful problems with a team who values autonomy and creativity. Ideally working with Rust or C# on a cloud-native platform on the Individual Contributor track.

Skills

Backend

- C#, dotnet core
- SQL, Entity Framework
- Rust, Axum, HTMX
- Test Driven Development
- Python, NodeJs

Frontend

- Angular, React
- Typescript
- Jasmine, Jest, Karma
- Cypress
- RxJS, NgRX

DevOps CI/CD

- Github Actions
- Terraform, Docker
- AWS SDK
- Jenkins
- Azure Devops

Work Experience

Dispute.com

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Remote)

SENIOR/LEAD SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Feb. 2023 - Present

- Architected and developed secure, scalable systems resulting in 90% reduction in time spent on manual intervention in the core data pipeline.
- Onboarded and led a team of 3 developers towards a culture of communication and excellence.
- Introduced Auth0 for client authentication and authorization, automated management via Terraform.
- Created extensible system to manage integrations with CRMs and Chargeback Protection platforms (Konnektive, Sticky, Ethoca, Verifi)
- Developed ingestion pipelines for unreliable data providers, decreasing the need for manual intervention by 80%.
- Created CI/CD pipelines in GitHub Actions which deployed applications via Terraform and released internal shared Nuget and NPM packages.
- Skills: C# • Github Actions • Rust • App Service • Sql Server • Durable Functions • Application Insights • Entra Id/AAD

Fraculation LLC

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GAME DEVELOPER, OWNER

Sep. 2021 - Present

- Implemented a true-to-life Mendelian genetics system which faithfully recreates Punnet Square outcomes using C#.
- Built an ECS system to simulate over 10,000 3D enemies and projectiles in realtime at >60FPS as part of a tower defense game.
- Created open-source libraries leading to a 60% reduction in code duplication across game jams. Addressing common needs such as Math, Save system, Logging, Scriptable variables, Leaderboards, and Unit Testing
- Used Async/Await to manage game and UI logic with a Task-based asynchronous pattern (TAP) in Unity.
- Built leaderboard API in Rust using Axum, Serde, HTMX, Sqlx, and Tokio.
- Autogenerated C# API from an OpenAPI specification with openapitools for use in Unity.
- Skills: Unity • C# • Rust • Real-time parallel algorithms • Data-oriented Design • ECS • DOTS • Jobs • Burst Compiler

Flite Golf & Entertainment

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Remote)

UNITY IMPLEMENTATION SPECIALIST

Sep. 2022 - Feb. 2023

- Provided company-wide guidance on C# and Unity best practices as the resident Unity expert.
- Reduced build times by 20% restructuring project code into assembly definitions, enabling faster iteration times.
- Introduced unit tests to an untested codebase.
- Introduced Azure Application Insights to capture logs across all facilities and deployments, decreasing time collecting logs in the field by 73%.
- Managed client relationships with the owner and employees of Luxe Golf, which hosted our applications.
- Led towards a culture of documentation by creating standardized test cases, a knowledge base, and an onboarding guide.
- Skills: Unity • C# • QA Process Improvement • Azure App Insights

Centare (Milwaukee Tool, One Key)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AWS CLOUD ENGINEER

Jan. 2021 - Jun. 2021

- Used CQRS and Event Sourcing to build an ETL pipeline from Sql Server into Elasticsearch, ingesting millions of positional data points per day
- Learned AWS Lambda and the Kinesis Consumer Library in Python to build a serverless data pipeline
- Skills: Python • Terraform • Docker • C# • AWS Lambda • Dynamodb • Kinesis

Centare (Sympplr Cactus)

FULL STACK ANGULAR DEVELOPER

- Modernized existing web applications into Angular Single Page Applications.
- Onboarded two offshore teams to work inside the new project ecosystem.
- Mentored junior team members through pair programming and code reviews.
- Skills: Angular • Typescript • RxJS • Cypress • C# Web API • Agile

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2020

Centare (API Healthcare)

CLOUD ENGINEER, ANGULAR APPLICATION DEVELOPER

- Converted legacy C# on-premise modules to run on the Azure cloud.
- Managed automated build and deployment in Jenkins.
- Worked on Time and Attendance software used by hospitals across US and Canada.
- Documented and led design decisions for Angular applications.
- Onboarded new team members to support Angular applications by creating a knowledge base and one-on-one mentoring

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Aug. 2017 - Sep. 2019

Brady Corporation

IT DEVELOPMENT INTERN

- Created bespoke implementation of the Observer pattern for use in an AngularJS application.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jun. 2015 - Dec. 2016

MSOE

B.S. IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Milwaukee, WI

Sept. 2012 - May 2017

Projects

Glutton

[HTTPS://DSMILLER95.ITCH.IO/GLUTTON](https://DSMILLER95.ITCH.IO/GLUTTON)

- Led a team of 5 developers and artists, resulting in a polished top-down shooter prototype, which received positive player feedback for its art direction and style.

GMTK 2024

Aug. 2024, 4 days

The Essence of Tactics

[HTTPS://LIMEBLOSSOMJAMS.ITCH.IO/THE-ESSENCE-OF-TACTICS](https://LIMEBLOSSOMJAMS.ITCH.IO/THE-ESSENCE-OF-TACTICS)

- Built a Tile-Tactics game with a game designer and artist, on top of a custom functional game logic layer built in Gobbies.
- Configured all abilities in a data-driven way via ScriptableObjects, exposing these tools to the game designer.
- Created pathfinding and optimizing AI based on a custom fitness function.

Pirate Software Jam 15

Jul. 2024, 14 days

Takoyaki Volleyball Club

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- Worked with two artist-designers to build a 2D action game.
- Developed extensive in-editor tooling to allow the designer to iterate rapidly, cutting down on time spent configuring prefabs by 75%.
- Created a distortion shader to simulate the effects of droplets in water.
- Modeled UI interactions with async/await and Task-based asynchronous pattern (TAP) in Unity.

Top 6%, Pixel Jam

May. 2024, 8 days

Gobbies Stole my Ruins

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- Architected a functional style game kernel layer allowing complete testability of game logic.
- Used Test-Driven Development to drive game logic changes, decreasing bugs by 80%, resulting in a game with 0 known bugs at launch.

16th place, Dungeon Crawler Jam

Mar. 2024, 9 days

Mosh Pint

[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/DSMILLER95/LUDUM-DARE-54](https://GITHUB.COM/DSMILLER95/LUDUM-DARE-54)

- Organized team of 6 on a 4 day project.
- Learned Godot during the jam to create a novel top-down action puzzler game.

Top 13%, Ludum Dare 54

Oct. 2023, 4 days

Disconnect

[HTTPS://SPIKEDEVELOPS.ITCH.IO/DISCONNECT](https://SPIKEDEVELOPS.ITCH.IO/DISCONNECT)

- Coordinated team of 3 software developers to rapidly collaborate without conflicts on a 48-hour timeline.
- Employed Test-Driven design when creating both game logic and AI, resulting in a game with 0 logic bugs at launch.

Top 3%, GMTK Jam 2023

Jun. 2023, 48 hours

L-System Language Execution Engine

[HTTPS://WWW.FRACULATION.COM/BLOG/LINDENMAYER-IMPLEMENTATION](https://WWW.FRACULATION.COM/BLOG/LINDENMAYER-IMPLEMENTATION)

- A custom implementation of L-Systems including a tokenizer and a multithreaded interpreter.
- Built with Unity's Jobs system to enable multithreading, and rendered in Unity as Meshes.
- Presented at M+Dev in 2022.
- Experimented with Rust interoperability in Unity to improve performance.
- Skills: Unity • C# • Rust •• Jobs • Burst Compiler

Fraculation LLC

Dec. 2020 - Jun. 2023