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Systems programmer & web developer, obsessed with product engineering, with experience in startups & commercial open-source software.
Interested in making reliable, scalable, memory-safe software that people want.

Skills

Languages:

Rust, TypeScript, JavaScript, C#, Python, Java, PHP, C, C++, Kotlin

Technologies:

Linux, Bun, Deno, PNPM, Node.js, Git, GitHub Workflows, PostgreSQL, MySQL, GraphQL, MongoDB, Docker, HTML, CSS

Frameworks & Platforms:

React, Expo, Express.js, Next.js, TailwindCSS, Vercel, Grafana, OpenTelemetry, Logfire, Pydantic

Techniques & Methodologies:

OIDC, Agile, Scrum, unit testing, end-to-end (E2E) testing

Experience

Firebender (YC W24)

San Francisco, CA

Founding Engineer

August 2025 - Present

- First hire at seed-stage startup building a coding agent for IntelliJ IDEs
- Shipped features that took us from \$500K to \$1M in annually recurring revenue (ARR) within my first month of joining
- Iterated on product with our enterprise customers at OpenAI, Block, Adobe, Tinder, Zillow, and more

Planisphere (YC S25)

San Francisco, CA

Co-Founder & CTO

July 2025 - August 2025

- Co-founded seed-stage startup automating the acquisitions pipeline for real estate private equity firms
- Built product and scaled from zero to \$3K in monthly recurring revenue (MRR) within 1 month

Garden Computing

San Francisco, CA

Full-Stack Software Engineer

February 2025 - July 2025

- Architected & led development of a high-performance user management platform using Node.js (product TBA)
- Developed & maintained APIs for permission management and authentication for the Jazz framework
- Supported ~20 commercial adopters and 600+ open-source users of the Jazz framework, hosted hackathons, and engaged with community members at conferences

Contractor

Remote

Full-Stack Software Engineer

August 2024 - February 2025

- Maintained Rust modules related to LLMs in fork of Android Open-Source Project (AOSP); details covered by NDA
- Developed WebKit-based browser project integrating NLnet-funded technologies into GNOME software ecosystem

Protiviti

Boston, MA

Technology Consulting Intern

May 2024 - August 2024

- Aided 2 senior consultants for automotive client concerned with regulatory compliance requiring business platform transformation (BPT) after \$340m acquisition
- Developed SAP BusinessObjects reports and universes in Web Intelligence and Information Design Tool as part of reimplementing a major client dashboard
- Discovered & resolved recurring data loss among consulting team by introducing version-control procedures
- Automated creation of certain client deliverables with Python scripts, eliminating 4+ hours of deliverable creation & validation

HCLSoftware

Remote

Software Engineer Intern

May 2023 - August 2023

- Identified & resolved bugs, and designed & built UI elements, as developer in 10-person core team for HCL Accelerate and IBM UrbanCode Velocity products
- Transitioned product from Docker Compose V1 to V2. Migrated portions of React frontend from class components to function components
- Developed frontend of new major customer-facing feature that had previously been delayed by 3+ months

Miami University, IT Services

Oxford, OH

Software Engineer Intern

May 2022 - May 2024

- Developed integrations with applications in Miami University's IT Service Management ecosystems using TeamDynamix iPaaS and Python scripts
- Created internal tool to manage data associated with 62+ university-owned buildings, eliminating the need to purchase updates for facility management software & 2+ weeks of manual database changes every 16 weeks
- Created internal tool to manage university-owned hardware, improving record-keeping & accountability
- Authored documentation of best practices, internal procedures, and technical standards; onboarded new engineers
- Presented at the 2023 Ohio Higher Education Computing Council (OHECC) Conference at Wright State University on ITSM best practices for higher education

Projects & Presentations

Introduction to Quantum Machine Learning

November 2023

Lecture given at the Miami University Physics Department seminar on introductory quantum computing, machine learning, and the intersection of the two fields.

Oku

May 2023 - Present

Open-source web browser, peer-to-peer protocol, & social bookmarking system with 500+ users and 160+ GitHub stars. Recipient of €5 000 NLnet NGIO Entrust grant as part of the European Commission's Next Generation Internet initiative.

Automation in IT Service Management

May 2023

Talk at the 2023 Ohio Higher Education Computing Council conference detailing technical & administrative best practices for ITSM automation in higher education.

Analysis of Potential Malicious Strategies toward Bit-Exchange with IPFS

April 2022 - August 2022

Research project investigating attack vectors in a private IPFS network, funded through Miami University's Undergraduate Summer Scholars Program.

Education

Miami University

Oxford, OH

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science — GPA: 3.81 (magna cum laude)

August 2021 - May 2024

Awards & Certifications

Intellectual and Cultural Leadership

May 2024

Commendation in Undergraduate Research

May 2023

Dean's List

Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Choose Ohio First Machine Learning Scholarship

August 2023, August 2022, August 2021

Bertelsmann Technology Scholarship Program

December 2021