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OBJECTIVE

To build performant mobile apps in one of the following domains: climate change, cryptography, music, books, health. Open to remote opportunities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1/2020 - present, iOS Engineer, New York Public Library (remote)

- Maintainer of SimplyE and Open eBooks, 2 open source apps used by patrons of many libraries and students across the US.
- Implemented CI/CD pipeline with GitHub actions, writing scripts to automate the build process and supporting many Xcode targets.
- Leading effort to remove tight coupling in pre-existing Swift / ObjC classes, refactoring while dealing with deadlines.
- Other challenges include supporting many different server installs, aging devices, loosely structured teams.

6/2016 - 1/2020, Lead iOS Engineer, PIX System (San Francisco, CA)

- Coding in Swift and Objective-C for iOS and tvOS apps used inside all major Hollywood studios.
- Refactored a large code base in smaller frameworks to facilitate reusability among different apps.
- Led/contributed to the architecture of all major features, collaborating with management to plan, estimate and execute their development.
- Pushed team to improve investment on CI/CD, unit testing, code readability and documentation.
- Spearheaded new git workflow adopted by engineering at large and contributed to evangelizing Agile practices across the company.
- Mentoring other engineers on Swift, ObjC, software development best practices, TDD, app lifecycle.

10/2010 - 9/2015, Lead iOS Engineer, Goodreads / Amazon (San Francisco, CA)

- First iOS hire inside small startup environment. Grew iOS team to 4 engineers into Amazon acquisition.
- Led development of all features, including new navigation, newsfeed, on-device caching, barcode scan, Facebook on-boarding, localization. Fixed bugs in the ePub eReader, memory management, open source libraries, etc.

- Brought the app from #50 to #4 on the App Store, Books category. Increased rating from 3 to 4.5+ stars, doubled page-views and installs.
- Mentored other engineers on native iOS development, established best practices.
- Self-taught Ruby on Rails to implement REST APIs in support of app development. Contributed to Goodreads on Kindle and the official Android app.

8/2008 - 9/2010, Sr. Software Engineer, InfoDome (Oakland, CA)

- Developed large parts of the front end (ActionScript) of an online database application (Java/MySQL).
- Learned many lessons about developing inside a fast-paced early-stage startup.

5/2005 - 7/2008, Sr. Software Engineer, 3Dconnexion / Logitech (San Jose, CA)

- Open source contributions to add device support to large projects such as Blender (v2.46), Second Life (v1.20), libSDL. Cross-platform for Mac, Win, Linux.
- Reverse-engineered and wrote a parser for Photoshop "actions" files in binary format.
- Developed NuLOOQ Tooldial (macOS app, C++ and ObjC), an SDK, a software update app, etc.

PERSONAL PROJECTS AND INTERESTS

- Created ChessNote, an iPhone app in Objective-C to play correspondence chess. I built the whole tech stack, teaching myself Erlang, MySQL configuration, administration and deployment on OpenBSD (2012).
- Created a semantically customizable haiku generator in Prolog (2000).
- Passionate about music (making and listening), reading and the outdoors.
- Interested in learning more about security and cryptography.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Electronic Engineering, Università Statale di Bologna, Italy, 2000. GPA 3.72

SPOKEN LANGUAGES, LEGAL STATUS, REFERENCES

Native Italian. Fluency in English (speaking, reading and writing). US and Italian citizen.

References available upon request.