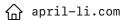# April Li

Self-taught Coder, Entrepreneur and Permanent Resident in Silicon Valley

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Education

App Academy Open
Free online track of the Coding Bootcamp // FEB 20 – JUN 20

Self-taught full-stack software development based on the 16-week open-sourced curriculum

Academy of Art University
Master of Fine Arts, Motion Picture // JAN 13 – MAY 17

Experience

Founder, CEO, Software Engineer @ Elephant Box
JUL 2020 – Present // Sacramento, CA

Led a team of 5 engineers, 3 designers and delivered two products in 2 months as the product owner using scrum methodology

Launched "Eat NOW" in Google Play, an AI mobile app that decides daily restaurant choices by learning from user preference through tinder-like swiping

▷ Built card-swiping via React-Native shared element transition

▷ Built models, cache and apis for user session with Django

▷ Built Content-Based recommendation using TF*IDF similarity algorithm and 3rd party restaurant menu APIs as data source

Launched "Investor's Game", a web life simulation game inspired by Monopoly and let you go back in time and make investments based on real historical data

▷ Built stock line chart and time series animation using chartjs

▷ Built React server rendering with Ruby on Rails 6 to optimize SEO

Setup continuous deployment, domain on Heroku

Software Engineer Intern (Volunteer) @ BargoPay
MAR 2020 – JUL 2020 // Baltimore, MD

Help launched Blismo (for consumer) and Blisness (for business) in App Store & Google Play, two mobile apps positioned as Starbucks App for local businesses

▷ Built onboarding flow and state management using Flutter stateful components

▷ Built backend models and APIs with Node.JS, Firestore and setup deployment to Google Cloud Functions

Commercial Director & Lead Video Editor @ RedCube Productions
JAN 2018 – FEB 2020 // Burlingame, CA

Apps

Blismo / Blisness
In App Store & Google Play

Eat Now
In Google Play

investors-game.com

Skills

Programming Languages
Ruby, Python, JavaScript

Frontend
React, React Native, HTML, CSS

Backend
Django, NodeJS, Rails, Firebase

My Story

▷ Formerly award-winning film director

▷ Had full-time job in video production for 2+ years

▷ Quit job and self taught coding

▷ 400+ Github contributions since career transition

▷ Part of GHC and Lesbians Who Tech communities