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*An aspiring software engineering professional who loves cultivating relationships, creating software, and learning Japanese – all for the convergence of business, technology, and the social good.*

## EXPERIENCE

### Lloyd House Studios
*Freelance Software Engineer*                                         August 2013 – Present
- Developed Ruby on Rails applications, working closely with clients using Agile methodologies
- Experienced with working on a team, effectively and professionally cooperating with other developers via face-to-face, email, and video conferencing

### Invoca
*QA Software Engineering*                                         April 2013 – August 2013
- Created and executed test plans for a cloud-based performance marketing Software as a Service Platform developed in Ruby on Rails, using TDD and Agile-based methodologies
- Debugged issues over the full software stack (front end, application logic, services, data persistence, server-side configuration) while dealing with challenges such as having a large code base, complex server infrastructure, rapidly growing database, and upgrading software tools/frameworks

### Green Hills Software
*Business Development, Strategic Accounts*                                         July 2011 – March 2013
- Developed and maintained new business relationships with Manager, Director, and VP – level clients from various Global 500 companies in Asia, US, and Europe
- Traveled frequently to Japan & Korea, working closely with local/international business development teams and engineering teams to manage client-relationships and shape product planning decisions; emphasizing mutual growth by balancing the needs of the company, customers, and business partners

## Skills

**Technical Skills:** Ruby on Rails  |  TDD RSpec/Cucumber  |  Javascript/jQuery  |  Mysql/Postgresql
        Git Version Control  |  HTML/CSS  |  Nginx/Thin  |  Linux Administration  |  VIM
**Business Skills:** Market Analysis  |  Public Speaking  |  Technical Communication
        Conversational Japanese  |  Strategic Product Planning  |  Client Relationship Management

*Japanese 3 years (Currently studying for JLPT N2)
*Technical Skills: 1.5 years

## Projects

- RevolvingChore – A very fun chore chart generator, tracker, analyzer, and enforcer. revolvingchore.com
- EvidencedBasedLiving – Habit Tracker & Mindfulness Tutor. Psychology dept. of UC Santa Barbara
- Personal Website – Static website using Jekyll and deployed on my VPS harrisontouw.com

    *Visit harrisontouw.com for more project details. Code sample available upon request

## Education

- Westmont College 2011, BA in Political Science & Philosophy GPA 3.6 with Honors
- Scholarships/Grants totaling over $30,000/annually
- Santa Barbara Community College, 1 year of Computer Science classes