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Shmeppy Lead Software Engineer & Founder

2018 - Present

TypeScript React.js PostgreSQL Vite Node.js Rust

- Built a feature-rich map editor using React, TypeScript, and the Canvas API with multi-user collaboration supported via the operational transformation algorithm and WebSockets.
- Wrote analytics pipelines using Rust to quickly process over 500 million log messages and support data-driven decisions.
- Optimized the onboarding funnel to attract 27 thousand users who built 80 thousand maps.
- Hired, managed, and mentored a junior developer to grow the team to two.
- Built a robust subscription system using Stripe Elements.
- Set up automated backups in b2 as well as monitoring and alerting via Sentry and Cron.

Primer Learning Staff Software Engineer (Part-Time Contract)

2022 - 2023

Built Unity simulations and editor extensions for their YouTube channel with 1.7M subscribers.

Khan Academy Senior Software Engineer

2016 - 2018

JavaScript React.js Python Google Cloud Platform BigQuery Selenium

- Led a team of five to display different content libraries to users in various locales. Developed new content editing tools for creators. Completed fundamental infrastructure allowing code to seamlessly access the new libraries. Educated other teams on the new infrastructure.
- Proposed, designed, and co-built a cloud-based end-to-end testing system, and directly negotiated for free infrastructure from Sauce Labs.

Khan Academy Software Engineer

2014 - 2016

- Built the frontend for the launch of Official SAT® Practice, led a team of four to lay a foundation for new test prep products, and was promoted shortly after.
- Created Khan Academy's original engineering blog and encouraged contributions to it.

Various Companies Freelance Software Engineer

2007 - 2013

Python C# WPF Visual Basic 6

Completed over 20 contracts in various industries with terms ranging from 1 to 36 months.

Additional Experience

- Interned at Mozilla, JetHead Development, and Khan Academy.
- Taught Computer Science as a Supplemental Instructor at UC Riverside.
- Co-founded Galah Group LLC.