

# JOHN SULLIVAN

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## Shmeppy Lead Software Engineer & Founder

2018 – Present

TypeScript React.js PostgreSQL Vite Node.js Rust

- Founded the modestly successful SaaS product [Shmeppy](#) boasting over 800 active subscribers. One junior developer handles maintenance.
- Built a collaborative map editor, payment flows, backup & monitoring systems, and much more.
- Built data analytics pipelines to make better decisions (even creating a [novel set library in Rust](#)).

## Primer Learning Staff Software Engineer (Contract)

2022 – 2023

C# Unity

- Built Unity editor extensions and physics simulations for their popular YouTube channel.
- Helped hire and onboard their first full-time developer.

## Khan Academy Senior Software Engineer

2016 – 2018

JavaScript React.js Python Google Cloud Platform BigQuery Selenium

- Led a team of five to show different content trees to users in different locales. Developed new content editing tools for creators; completed fundamental infrastructure allowing code to seamlessly access the new trees; and educated other teams on the new infrastructure.
- Proposed, designed, and co-built a cloud-based end-to-end testing system and directly negotiated free infrastructure for it from [Sauce Labs](#).

## Khan Academy Software Engineer

2014 – 2016

JavaScript React.js Google App Engine Gulp.js

- Built the frontend for [Official SAT® Practice's](#) launch, then led a team of four to expand its functionality and lay a foundation for other test prep products.
- Created the original [Khan Academy engineering blog](#) and encouraged contributions to it.

## Mozilla Software Engineer Intern

2014

C++ Networking Android

Improved networking stack for all products and researched mesh networking for Firefox OS.

## Khan Academy Software Engineer Intern

2013

Python AWS JavaScript Bash

Created a custom search engine built on AWS CloudSearch.

## JetHead Development Software Engineer Intern

2012 and 2013

C++

Built the entirety of the closed captioning systems for their suite of set-top boxes.

**UC Riverside** Supplemental Instructor Supervisor

2013 – 2014

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2011 – 2013

C++ Python

Taught fellow college students computer science as well as managed and trained other teachers.

**Galah Group LLC** Cofounder

2012 – 2014

Python Flask OpenVZ Containers

Cofounded **Galah Group LLC** in college. We built a product for testing CS students' submissions in isolated OpenVZ containers. UC Riverside used it for many years, including after we sunsetted the product.

**Various Companies** Software Engineer (Contract)

2007 – 2013

Python C# WPF Visual Basic 6

- Completed over 20 contracts ranging from 1 to 36-month terms throughout both high school and college.
- Contracted to build **ColorTrack Realtime**: a desktop application that analyzes samples from a custom-built laser. Built in C# using WPF.
- Contracted to build a clone of the **Microsoft Ribbon** in Visual Basic 6.

**Education** **UC Riverside**

2010 – 2013

Pursued BSE in Computer Science. Left early after receiving an offer from Khan Academy.