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EXPERIENCE

Universe (part of NYSE:LYV)

Toronto, ON

Chief Technical Officer (CTO)

Dec 2017 - Present

- **DIY Ticketing**: Universe is an international DIY platform for selling tickets. We power event ticketing for some of the most passionate fans in the world like **Blizzard Entertainment**'s annual Blizzcon. If you've been to a **TechCrunch Disrupt** recently, you've used our tech.
- Exit: Acquired by Live Nation Entertainment (on behalf of their subsidiary, Ticketmaster) in 2015 for an undisclosed amount. Member of the original pre-acquisition team, hired as the second developer, and remaining the lead from 2013 until the acquisition. Provided technical specifications to Ticketmaster CTO during due diligence.

Universe (part of NYSE:LYV)

Toronto, ON

Vice President, Engineering

Dec 2016 - Present

- Growth: Led tech team through a period of 3x annualized growth in transactional volume scaling the platform from \$x0M in annual gross ticket sales to \$x00M. Today, Universe has over 70 employees serving 12 international markets with offices in San Francisco, Toronto, and London.
- \circ **Tech Leadership**: Launched a developer platform (developers.universe.com) and a **GraphQL API** the first in the event industry.

Universe Toronto, ON

Senior Software Developer

Apr 2012 - Nov 2016

- VC-Backed Startup: Pre-acquisition Universe, above, was initially a VC-backed startup (Real Ventures), raising \$2.5M.
- Architecture: Designed and built version one of most of the core system applications, from the heart of our consumer facing checkout experience (embed.js) to complex data warehousing and ETL pipelines.
- **Product Development**: Launched successful products during pivotal moments of company history. Successfully designed scaling solutions for the first high-volume Blizzcon, which exceeded Stripe's undisclosed transactional rate limit and required custom support on their end.

Enginess (formerly Moveable Online)

Toronto, ON

Web Developer

Jan 2011 - Mar 2012

• Advantage WebStore: Onboarded new clients on to a proprietary e-commerce platform for mid-sized retailers. Supported the rollout of the product's first bilingual store, designing and developing core product localization.

PROJECTS

- DecentPost: Winner of Open Zeppelin Bounty at ETHDenver 2018. A decentralized delivery protocol written in Solidity on top of Ethereum.
- Transponder: A short-form decentralized messaging app built on Ethereum's contract event logs with Solidity and Truffle at ETHWaterloo 2017, to-date the largest Ethereum hackathon in the world.
- Quant: A quantified-self, self-hosted tracking platform with support for seveal major device manufacturers including FitBit and Withings (now Nokia).
- Nockxir: An Elixir-based interpreter for Urbit's Nock combinator VM.
- df8: Winner of Music Hackday, Toronto. A distributed, collaborative music sequencer using mobile phones and WebSockets.
- (Redacted): A gallery installation in London. Using images crawled from a large social media app, I trained a generative adversarial network to produce a haunting series of artificial faces.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto (Trinity College)

Toronto, ON

Bachelor of Arts With Distinction

Sep. 2006 - Dec. 2010

SKILLS

- Languages: Elixir, JavaScript, Ruby, Python, Rust, SQL, R, Solidity
- Technologies: AWS, GCE, Kubernetes, Ethereum, Urbit, Postgres, MongoDB, Redis, vim, POSIX