# **JEFF NICHOLAS**

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### **EMPLOYMENT**

## **Backend Developer II**

## **Porch Software**

January 2025 – Present

- Implemented OCR to extract data from PDF illustrations for new life insurance products.
- Enhanced SQL Server stored procedures to incorporate new data points in reports.
- Resolved mapping bugs in Acord 103 XML to C# classes.

### **Software Developer**

## **Hamilton Manufacturing Corp.**

**August 2022 - January 2025** 

- Refactored legacy MVC admin platform to ASP.NET Core Web API and created APIs for a new React-based e-commerce PWA designed to replace outdated native apps.
- Improved report performance and server response times by up to 85% through optimized queries and reduced redundancies.
- Built an interceptor with Castle DynamicProxy to globally log method parameters during unhandled exceptions, eliminating redundant try/catch logging throughout the codebase and expediting bug fixes.
- Developed a messaging microservice using Azure queue storage and trigger functions to decouple email, SMS, and push notification delivery from core APIs.
- Implemented reCAPTCHA and rate limiting to prevent abuse of credit card tokenization and user account creation API endpoints.

## **Senior Database Engineer**

#### Pitcher List

December 2019 - Present

- Migrated staging and production PostgreSQL databases from ElephantSQL to Amazon RDS.
- Created and maintained large materialized views for consumption by Pitcher List and third-party React APIs.
- Developed new baseball statistics like *weighted Earned Strikes (wES)* and *Simple Pitching Estimation indeX (speX)* using Python machine learning libraries like scikit-learn and SciPy.
- Fixed data-related bugs, enhanced Flask API endpoints with query parameters for flexible data shaping, and integrated new database stats.

## **SKILLS**

- Languages: C#, SQL, Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS
- Technologies: ASP.NET, Entity Framework, SQL Server, Azure, IIS, React, AWS, PostgreSQL, Heroku, Git

## **SOFTWARE PROJECTS**

## **Spot The Plane** (*spottheplane.net*)

Aircraft trivia game built using FastAPI, React, PostgreSQL, and the planespotters.net photo API.

## Tracey Nicholas Art (traceynicholas.com)

- Developed an e-commerce site using Flask, Jinja, and PostgreSQL, integrating AWS S3 for image retrieval.
- Implemented PayPal SDK for purchases and built a custom CRUD admin dashboard.

#### **EDUCATION**

Bowling Green, OH  • M.M. in Music Composition	Bowling Green State University	Sept 2014 – May 2016
Ypsilanti, MI	Eastern Michigan University	Sept 2007 - Dec 2013
<ul> <li>B.Sc. in Music (Cum Laude)</li> </ul>		

# INTERESTS

• Classical music; baseball; football; data science; woodworking; arthouse cinema; epistemology; aviation