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Technical Toolbox

Languages: Ruby, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, and some knowledge of SQL, Python, and C
Frameworks, Libraries, Etc.: Rails, MongoDB/Mongoid, Backbone.js, jQuery, RSpec, Node.js, Redis
Other: Capistrano, Git, Bash

Education

App Academy - *San Francisco, CA*

- 9-week intensive web development course
- Completed in July 2013
- Full-stack development with emphasis on Ruby, Rails, and JavaScript

Brown University - *Providence, RI*

- BA in Music Theory with honors, May 2007
- Graduated *magna cum laude*

Additional courses:

- *UC Berkeley*
  - C Language Programming I (summer 2012)
  - UNIX/Linux I (summer 2012)

- *Udacity.com*
  - Intro to Computer Science (fall 2012)

Work Experience

SEPT 2013 - SEPT 2014: **Perceptive Software: *Web Developer*** - *San Francisco, CA*

- Built an API-driven content management service from scratch using Rails 4.1, Ruby 2.1, and MongoDB
- Managed code deployment to EC2 instances using Capistrano

- Enhanced video subtitle support in an existing Rails 3 rich media management application

MAR 2011 - JAN 2013: **Tigerfish Transcription:** *Editor/Administrative Staff* - *San Francisco, CA*

- Edited transcripts for quality in various subject areas, including legal, medical, and high-tech
- Developed a system for evaluating transcriber performance over time
- Provided administrative support in a fast-paced work environment with strict deadlines

DEC 2007 - AUG 2009: **Boston Ballet:** *Summer Programs Assistant* - *Boston, MA*

- Overhauled my division's website using Ektron
- Carried out administrative tasks associated with the Summer Dance Program
- Handled numerous concurrent independent and collaborative projects and met firm deadlines

SUMMER 2007 - **CNR/Vassar College:** *NSF/REU Student Research Assistant* - *Pisa, Italy*

- Aided in developing a link between Italian and English computational linguistics corpuses using TimeML TimeBank
- Problem-solved in collaboration with Italian computer scientists

Projects

Billbo - billbo.herokuapp.com

- Single-page app that splits and settles bills among friends
- Backbone.js front-end framework
- Demo users: bob@example.com, ted@example.com, password: "password"

DrinkPicker - drinkpicker.herokuapp.com

- Suggests random cocktails at the click of a button
- Rails back-end
- Admin console for adding, editing, and deleting drinks, employing AJAX and nested forms