Joe Sak

Senior Web Generalist

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Skills

Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Javascript, HTML5, SEO & Accessibility, CSS3, RSpec, Redis, Sidekiq, Postgresql, API Service & Integration, OAuth, JSON, AWS including IAM, ECS, EC2, S3 & Cloudfront, Heroku, Linux, Docker, Docker Compose, Clean code, Refactoring, Object-Oriented Programming, Legacy code, Project management, Technical requirements specification, Product development, User experience design, Prototyping

Experience

Kadenze Inc / Lead Applications and Devops Engineer
JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT, REMOTE

Upgraded Rails 4.2 / Ruby 2.3 legacy app to Rails 6.1 / Ruby 2.7

Managing AWS & Docker infrastructure for staging and production

Supporting multi-tenancy and several client-specific portals for large educational institutions

Transforming legacy code with clean code & refactoring, OOP principles

Iridescent / Technovation / Lead Web Developer
APRIL 2016 - FEBRUARY 2019, REMOTE

Built new application from the ground up to serve 5 distinct user types of various ages and tech abilities, used in 120+ countries

Rails, RSpec, Sidekiq, Postgresql, VueJS

Collaborated with non-technical staff

Supported actual users directly via Slack

Designed UI/UX, iterated on design based on real user interaction

Self Employed Contractor / Freelance Developer
FEBRUARY 2014 - APRIL 2016, REMOTE
OCTOBER 2008 - OCTOBER 2009, EAST LANSING, MI & CHICAGO, IL

Rails, Ruby, ReactJS, Test driven development, Pairing, Project management, SCRUM, Time management, HTML, CSS, Javascript

InfoActive / Lead Web Developer

JUNE 2013 - FEBRUARY 2014, MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Updated most of the code with clean code and refactoring

Introduced entire test suite due to lack of existing coverage

Assisted front-end developer in good ol' BackboneJS

Neoteric Design / Senior Web Developer

OCTOBER 2009 - JUNE 2013, CHICAGO, IL

Contributed to open source (Refinery CMS)

Created rails engines for the company's custom CMS after outgrowing Refinery - these engines served the company and their clients for 7 years with minimal changes needed

Lead the company change from Perl/Movable Type to Rails/Refinery

Artemis Solutions Group / Grew/Promoted to Senior Developer

AUGUST 2005 - OCTOBER 2008, EAST LANSING, MI

XHTML, CSS, jQuery, DotNetNuke

Contributed to DotNetNuke

Contributed to HTML5 Boilerplate project

Developed the web team and its culture with my manager

Lead the technical part of sales meetings

Customer calls and demos / training

Education

Michigan State University / B.A. Telecommunications

SEPTEMBER 2001 - DECEMBER 2005, EAST LANSING, MI

Web Director & Treasurer for ASCOT, the college's student association

Hosted college events for presentations and networking opportunities with local business leaders

Studied abroad in Paris, Geneva & Brussels (European Commission)