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INTRODUCTION

I am a self-taught, highly skilled software engineer with expertise in various programming languages. My primary focus is on constructing large-scale and intricate APIs, creating interactive websites, and enhancing internal engineering tools. With more than a decade of experience in software development, I have worked in dynamic startup environments as well as collaborated on multiple contracts simultaneously with a small team of developers.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Backend Technology	Python (Django, Flask, FastAPI), Node.js (Express), Rust (Axum, Yew.rs), Go
Frontend Technology	Javascript (Astro.js, React, Next.js), HTML5, CSS (Tailwind, Sass)
Databases	PostgreSQL, Redis, MongoDB, MySQL
Amazon Web Services	EC2, ECS, S3, Route53, Lambda
Service Technologies	Docker, Terraform, Kubernetes

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

People Data Lab

May 2023 - Present

Senior Software Engineer

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IndigoAg

May 2022 - March 2023

Staff Software Engineer

- Developed the next generation Carbon Sequestration application API using Flask.
- Designed the restructuring and updating the main Backend-for-Frontend application.
- Developed the adoption of a external partner integration. Lead the process from initial architecture to final development increasing adoption of the carbon sequestration application.
- Mentored junior developers and build best-practices throughout the engineering department.
- Worked with external partners to implement real-time data communication across applications and companies.
- Wrote technical documentation to improve best-practices for company-wide database backfill procedure.
- Was part of an on-call rotation that keeps IndigoAg running during peak usage.

PBS

Sept 2019 - May 2022

Senior Software Engineer

- Modernized legacy Django applications by adding a test suite, upgrading packages, and updating deployment infrastructure to enhance readability and security.
- Lead development in new GraphQL endpoint for content distribution taking into account different team needs.
- Developed a deployment infrastructure framework for PBS Engineering to unify how micro-services get deployed to Amazon AWS; written in Go.
- Was a go-to generalist who helps brainstorm and fix cross-team architecture problems along with helping optimizing my team's overall workflow.
- Developed cross-application best practices for code quality and testing infrastructure.
- Was a thought leader for experimental changes through out the engineering team at PBS and share learnings through tech talks and presentations.
- Ran weekly coding practices to better improve PBS Engineering's understanding of complex code issues.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CON'T)

Skyword (Formerly TrackMaven)

Mar 2014 - Aug 2019

Senior Software Engineer (Promoted from Software Engineer)

- Lead effort to unify users between the TrackMaven platform and the Skyword platform; creating a unified login micro-service in Django which synced the two platform's authentication.
- Designed the implementation of best practices for continuous security upgrades for repositories using Snyk, Dependabot and Github Security Hub.
- Worked as the lead architect on the migration of our base Django application to Python 3 while also upgrading all application dependencies.
- Planned and architected of our Kubernetes infrastructure introducing better best-practices in deployment through Terraform.
- Part the senior engineering team in charge of on-call triage of problems and after-hour deployments of our multiple services.
- Provided direct technical support to Software Maven team members and collaborative technical support to other departments within TrackMaven.
- Established and led a Quality and Infrastructure engineering team that focuses on promoting sound application infrastructure through ensuring high quality code and developing best practices across the engineering department.

Koansys, LLC.

Feb 2012 - Mar 2014

Application Developer

- Developed and deployed the Interactive Satellite Tracker (iSat), an application written in JavaScript that calculates satellite positioning in real-time based off of open-source data for Science@NASA,
- Designed and built cloud infrastructure and automated scripts using Ansible to migrate Science@NASA's Content Management System to Amazon Web Services.

HIGHLIGHTED PERSONAL PROJECTS

wasm-frontmatter

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/wasm-frontmatter>

A clone of grey-matter written in Rust. The rust code is used to generate Wasm code and is then released to NPM. My tests have found that Wasm-Frontmatter is three times faster than the javascript equivalent.

JoshFinnie.com

<https://www.joshfinnie.com>

My personal blogging site written using the Astro.Build static site generator. Takes advantage of Tailwind CSS and is hosted on Netlify for high-availability. I write about learnings of software development and tutorials.

More open-source projects at <https://www.github.com/joshfinnie/>

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Introduction to Python Poetry - *IndigoAg Internal Tech Talk*, February 1st, 2023
- Introduction to Asynchronous Python - *IndigoAg Internal Tech Talk*, December 8th, 2022
- gRPC Walkthrough and Programming Showcase - *PBS Internal Tech Talk*, June 23rd, 2021
- Building Wasm-Frontmatter - *RustDC*, March 16, 2021
- Intro to Rust and Wasm for Javascript Developers - *DC JS*, December 9, 2020
- Docker Multi-stage Builds and other Best Practices - *PBS Internal Tech Talk*, July, 21, 2020
- Docker's Best Practices- *Django District, etc.*, October 02, 2019
- Kubernetes Overview Offsite - *Skyword Internal Talk*, May 10, 2019

All talks and presentations at <https://www.joshfinnie.com/talks/>

EDUCATION

Central Connecticut State University

Classes towards a Masters of Science in Geography (GIS Track).

University of Connecticut

Bachelors of Art, Economics. (Certificate in Quantitative Economics & Minor in Mathematics).