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Profile

I build full stack web applications that people love to use because they are tested, highly scalable, secure, accessible, fast, and beautiful. The applications I create last because they are architected for maintainability and adoption, not based on the flavor-of-the-month framework or trend; instead, I adopt tools that are backed by strong open communities with long-term vision and an unwavering focus on backwards compatibility.

Building for the web, and in a team setting, has required me to become an expert in open source contributions and community, modern web standards, cloud systems, accessibility, automated deployment, continuous integration and system automation, team leadership, development, psychological safety, and generative AI user experience and integration.

Skills

Technical

API Design and Development Web Application Development

Accessibility

Secure Application Development and Operations

Test Driven Development Open Source Development Generative AI Integration UX

Continuous Integration and Deployment

AWS and Cloud First Architecture

Opensearch

Domain

Working with and Building Diverse Teams
Psychological Safety and People Management

Educational Administration and Curriculum Development

Open Source Community Maintenance and Communication

Organization Architecture and Development

Community Building

Strategy, Budget, and Planning

Sample Code

PHP: Ilios Symfony Backend API Server Javascript: Ilios EmberJS Web App

Talks

Ilios Architecture, Form Follows Function Al or Nay? Balancing Distraction and Utility Flow, Flex, and Ship: The Daily Practice of Agile Engineering Jumping into Deep Work

Automagic Deployment with Github Actions

Microapps: A Covid-19 Case Study

Cut Your Team Some Slack
Handling Complicated Tasks with a Chatbot
Always Be Updating
Career Day at Aragon High School

Recent Experience

Education IT

Architect 2024-present Continue to lead the development of the Ilios platform and the growing technical team, focusing on iterative improvements to the user experience for search and reporting. Develop and implement long-term technical and team strategies to meet the needs of the UCSF education community in partnership with Education IT and school

leadership. Ensure the long-term viability of the technical stack while managing short-term operational requirements for all enterprise teaching and learning applications and integrations.

Teaching and Learning Applications

Manager 2019–2024 While still maintaining a focus on technical leadership for the Ilios platform assumed responsibility for the Collaborative Learning Environment and the developers and support staff for CLE systems. Led the campus wide A3 effort to transform the organization and funding model for education at UCSF on behalf of the Committee for Educational Technology; facilitated internship with JCC and served as a mentor for diverse career switchers exploring technology; served as UCTech ambassador with a focus on creating an inclusive conference and recruiting first-time speakers; maintained uptime, stability, and security through multiple system upgrades; seamlessly transitioned to fully remote work; strengthened partnerships with LTG and school technologists during the transition to pandemic remote teaching; proactively advocated for moving our team to the new Educational IT organization and managed the uncertainty and chaos of that transitional while maintaining a rigorous Ilios release schedule and on schedule upgrade of Moodle; served on the Medibiquitous Technical Advisory Group as an API and medical education standards expert.

Ilios Curriculum Management Platform

Technical Lead, Architect 2014–2019 Managed the transition from a code igniter and YUI driven application to a modern Hexagonal Symfony API with an EmberJS frontend for a user-friendly, flexible, and robust web application to collect, manage, analyze and deliver curricular information in Medical Education. Recruited for, administered, and created a code of conduct for the UCTech slack a hugely successful diverse, cross campus collaborative community for technical staff across the University of California.

Jazzee Graduate Admissions

Architect, Developer, Evangilist 2009–2014 Designed and built the Jazzee admissions system to collect and manage graduate applications and payments. Built on an XML API and a revolutionary user customizable form builder with a focus on accessibility, usability, and security. Deployed for admissions at three University of California graduate schools for admissions.

Education

BA History (Pre-Law)
University of the Pacific
2003

MA Educational Administration
University of the Pacific
2005