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EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

J.D. (Expected, May 2014). Teaching Assistant, CS112 (Introduction to Programming in Java). Currently enrolled in CS223 (Data Structures and Programming Techniques in C).

Self-taught programmer, learned how to code while enrolled as a 2nd year law student.

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

A.B. in Neurobiology, Secondary in Economics. 3.91 GPA. Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude.

EMPLOYMENT

Qualia, New York, New York

Founder, Lead Developer

May 2013 - Present

Founder of 5 person web development agency based in NYC/New Haven. Clients include Tribeca Film Festival, Stanford University, Codecademy, EatDrinkJobs, TechNeed.

Source and manage clients, advise and manage small developer teams, take lead on technical design and implementation. Work is done while also enrolled as full-time law student.

Codecademy, New York, New York

Developer, Product Manager

April 2012 - May 2013, December 2013 - Present

3rd engineer hire at 17-person startup with several million registered users. Helped shape the company's software architecture, product strategy/vision, and recruiting/hiring process.

Worked full-time as an engineer in NYC while concurrently enrolled as a full-time law student at Yale. Voluntarily left engineering position to co-found freelance web development agency.

Led the development of several key features (groups, quizzes, user dashboard, new user orientation, activity feed and notifications) for the several million users on Codecademy.

Currently, help manage the product for schools in UK (part-time). Specifically, interact directly with teachers to understand their needs and manage teams of college students who are in charge of providing real-time, chat-based support to UK students who use Codecademy in school.

Pivotal Labs, San Francisco, California

Developer

January 2012 - April 2012

Worked closely with client developers to determine needs and develop several projects (e.g. a complete RESTful API for a mobile client, a dynamic front-end for a complex user survey).

Immersion in agile practices and test-driven development. First job as a developer, hired by Pivotal Labs four months after starting to learn how to code on my own.

OTHER

Wrote "Learning how to Code: The Roadmap I Wish I Had Been Given," blog post that has been viewed over 25,000 times. Available at http://jylcreations.com/posts/learning-to-code-the-roadmap-i-wish-i-had-been-given.

Created www.ylsclassaction.com, an improved course selection and management site that is used by over 75 percent of Yale Law School students. More projects available at www.github.com/jyli7.