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I am Project Manager and Full Stack Software Developer, with over ten years of proven leadership experience. I thrive in cross-functional roles and collaborative agile environments. Employing clear communication, strategic planning, and timely execution, I drive projects from concept to delivery..

EXPERIENCE

ScholarSift — *Lead Frontend Developer*

OCT 2021 - JUNE 2024

Spearheaded the UI development for ScholarSift's large and complex research technology platform, focusing on usability, simplicity, and accessibility to improve load times and increase user engagement.

Developed companion software for Microsoft Word.

Collaborated with a cross-functional team to design and deliver a responsive, high-performance web application.

Doublist — *Project Manager, Content Manager*

APRIL 2019 - APRIL 2020

Managed the ideation and development of Doublist's content platform, using data and SEO tactics to form strategies for user retention and conversion.

Coordinated with marketing, design, and development teams to ensure seamless integration of new features and content.

Led project planning, organization and management of a team of content creators, timeline management, and stakeholder communication to deliver a product that was successful and on-time..

DataSlate — *Project Lead*

JANUARY 2021 - APRIL 2021

Directed the development of an E-Commerce platform with an internal team-management tool for a water delivery service. Coordinated with stakeholders to define requirements and project scope, leading a team of developers to deliver the project on time.

SKILLS

Agile Methodologies

Stakeholder Management

Attention to Detail

Decision-Making

Technical Knowledge

Conflict Resolution

Change Management

DEVELOPMENT

MERN stack

React, Redux, Context

Next.js

Git

LANGUAGES

French

Finnish

EDUCATION

Bennington College – *Comparative Literature & Translation*

UCLA Extension – *Full Stack Development*

OTHER

Restaurant Manager — *2009 - 2018*
OCTOBER 2009 - DECEMBER 2018

I had a long and rewarding career in the hospitality industry. Of all the experiences listed above, it is what I learned as a restaurant manager that I use the most as a project manager and software developer. My duties spanned the tasks a project or program manager deals with day-to-day. With 24 hours notice, for example, I had to plan and execute an event for 200 Google employees. It required careful strategic planning, attention to detail, as well as flexibility, problem-solving, financial analysis, risk management, and quality control. One of the most important things, however, was to create an environment for the team that was relaxed, the many tasks broken down in such a way that was straight-forward and unintimidating. The most rewarding moments in my hospitality career were when my team was having fun and earning lots of tips under intense pressure.