

# LIAM BECKMAN

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A self-driven developer with a passion for crafting software and solutions that work for people.

## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Science; Computer Science** — Oregon State University  
Corvallis, OR / Welches, OR

Class of 2019

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**Bachelor of Science; Biology** — University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR / Uppsala, Sweden

Class of 2017

## TECHNICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Research Software Engineer** — Oregon Health & Science University  
Go, Python, Kubernetes, MongoDB, Postgres

2023 — Present

**Workflow Engine** Led development of workflow engine and orchestrator (Funnel)

- ▷ Developed and maintained Funnel, a GA4GH Task Execution Service (TES) implementation; contributed features including TES v1.1 support, a new MongoDB driver, Slurm/Exacloud integration, and custom plugins.
- ▷ *The GA4GH Task Execution Application Programming Interface: Enabling Easy Multicloud Task Execution*

**DevOps & Cloud Infrastructure** Led development and DevOps for high-throughput computational biology platforms and data commons infrastructure.

- ▷ Platform setup + CI/CD, Monitoring + alerting
- ▷ Architected and managed cloud infrastructure using Terraform and Helm; automated deployments, backup/restore, and compliance for Gen3 data commons instances (ACED-IDP, CBDS) on AWS and OpenStack.
- ▷ Developed the DRS Downloader (Go/Python) for secure, cross-cloud DRS data transfer (e.g. AnVIL/Terra) and maintained the data client for simplified data management/ETL.
- ▷ Contributed to FHIR data modeling and the OMOPonFHIR utility for clinical data validation and aggregation.
- ▷ *An integrated data platform to support the international alliance for cancer early detection*

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**Full Stack Software Developer** — Saltire Software Inc.  
Portland, OR

June, 2022 — August, 2022

Contributed to the fullstack development of [e-commerce](#) and [math & music educational](#) sites.

- ▷ Integrated RESTful APIs for use in authenticating clients during online checkouts.
- ▷ Set up and managed hosting and SSL certification for *On the Sensations of Tone*.

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## Research Software Developer — OHSU, Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology

Java, Swing, RESTful APIs

2019 — 2020

Furthered development of the [Swing desktop application](#) used to curate data for [Reactome](#) — an open-source database and visualizer of biological pathways used for research.

- ▷ Implemented a custom class to flag pathway and reaction revisions between varying data sets.
- ▷ Added new UI/UX features based upon communication with users and research database curators.
- ▷ Updated API calls and data processing of a remote NLP document parser ([REACH](#)).
- ▷ Coauthored paper in *Nucleic Acids Research* — [The reactome pathway knowledgebase 2022](#).

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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[convida](#) — Conway’s Game of Life powered by WebAssembly.

Rust, WebAssembly, JavaScript

2019 — Present

- ▷ A Conway’s Game of Life simulation with a high performance WebAssembly compilation target.
- ▷ A demonstration is available at [convida.liambeckman.com](https://convida.liambeckman.com).

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[demonic](#) — Interactive demos of programs and programming languages.

Node.js, JavaScript

2018 — Present

- ▷ A suite of applications that allows users to try out programs and programming languages by accessing a [web terminal](#) or running [code snippets](#).
- ▷ Processes are communicated via WebSockets and run in a lightweight Linux sandbox (Debian chroot secured with [Firejail](#)).

[withfeathers](#) — Poetry web app and shell program. “‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers - ...”

Python, Flask

2018 — Present

- ▷ A web app and CLI that fetches, parses, and selects a random poem by Emily Dickinson from [Project Gutenberg](#).
- ▷ A [Flask](#)-powered web interface at [withfeathers.liambeckman.com](https://withfeathers.liambeckman.com) displays a new poem every day.