Lief Swanson

About Me

I am an Information sponge, that likes to apply the knowledge I have absorbed to whatever I find interesting. My ultimate career goal is to make software which people truly enjoy using, because it makes their work/lives easier and more engaging.

Education

Simon Fraser University

Undergraduate
Double Major
CGPA = 3.32

Burnaby, BC CAN

BS = 3.32

Software Systems 2009 Sept - ongoing Experience involves both the practice and theory behind Computer Science, with practical application in mind.

Interactive Arts

BA

And Technology 2009 Sept - ongoing Experience is fairly broad, but is focused on UI/UX design. Incorporating elements of audio and static / dynamic visual media.

Cognitive Science

Lab Volunteer 2016 Sept - ongoing Assist in the theory, implementation, and analysis of experiments focused on human attention allocation and long term learning.

NSERC USRA Grant 2017 May - August Worked on a tool to dynamically create custom keyboards layouts to minimize error in gesture typing on touch devices. Working toward publishing.

GUI apps	CLI apps	OSes
Photoshop	Fish	Arch Linux
Illustrator	Git	Ubuntu
InDesign	Bash	Windows
Inkscape	Make	Android
GIMP	npm	

Work and Internship

Simon Fraser University
Teaching Assistant

Surrey, BC CAN 2018 Jan - Mar

- Was the only TA for 90 students in a second year course about Object Oriented Programming.
- Helped transition the course away from old tools and toward teaching OOP in the context of REST APIs.
- Received multiple commendations from both students and the teacher, for my performance.

"... most responsible TA I have ever met." - Student
"You should teach a course." - Another Student
"You made this incredibly easy." - Teacher

British Columbia Medical Association

Junior Support Specialist

Vancouver, BC CAN 2013 May - Sept

- Managed IT problems arising from the displacement of 30 workers during a 3-month renovation.
- Coordinated between internal and external groups to prevent issues from hindering anyone's work day.
- Designed step-by-step visual tutorials so users could solve common problems on their own.

Whittington IT

Brisbane, QLD AUS

IT Consultant

2012 Feb - Sept

 Maintained software and hardware at dozens of medical practices, each with unique needs.

Interim Company Head

2012 May - July

- Was left solely in charge of my boss' usual duties, and all of his clients while he was on medical leave.
- Had more personal interaction with the clients, who were accustomed to working only with my boss.

Skills

Ordered most to least comfortable

Strong	Familiar	Text editors
Languages	Languages	& IDEs
Kotlin	Golang	VScode
Java	Haskell	Atom
Python	JavaScript & TS	IntelliJ
English	SQL	Emacs
C & C++	HTML/XML	Sublime
C#	CSS (SCSS)	Eclipse