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Development and Systems Experience

Development

- Clojure, ClojureScript, Pedestal, Luminus, Compojure API, Ring, Spec, Reagent, Re-frame
- PHP (Zend Certified Engineer), Zend Framework / Laminas 1-3, Symfony, Wordpress, Magento, Drupal, phpunit, composer, Zend Server
- Javascript, angular, HTML5, CSS3, ¡Query, underscore/lodash, npm
- SQL (MySQL, Postgres), Elasticsearch, Redis, Memcached
- AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, Beanstalk, ECS, Route 53, SQS, Elasticache, Elasticsearch, etc.),
- Docker, Nginx, Apache, Linux, FreeBSD, OS X, Windows, Git
- AJAX, JSON, JSONP, REST, SOAP, CORS, XML, XSL/XSLT
- Other Languages: C / C++, Perl, Bash, Pascal, VB / VBA, Python, Scala

Work Experience

03/2014 -Present

Senior Software Engineer - Unified Compliance | Lafayette, CA / Las Vegas, NV (Remote)

- Lead Engineer working with multiple teams to deliver multiple products
- Mentoring engineers, doing code reviews, and helping others to achieve their fullest potential
- Hiring contractors and engineers to build up our teams
- Working on multiple GUI apps, APIs (including a public API), and other servers built on top of Clojure/Luminus, ClojureScript/Reagent/Re-frame, PHP 5/7/8, Zend Framework/Laminas 2/3, Javascript (ES6), Angular, and Bootstrap running on AWS. Used ElasticSearch, Docker, Stanford Core NLP, Postgres, MySQL, Redis, Iodash (underscore.js), SQS, neo4j, beanstalkd, d3, jQuery, babel, git, JIRA, Bitbucket, Leiningen, composer, brunch, npm, bower, xdebug, Blackfire.io
- Introduced Clojure and built two backend Clojure servers as well as a new public API for Compliane and Natural Language Processing. Used Stanford Core NLP for NLP. Used Luminus / Compojure
 API for the first projects, then switched to Pedestal for the new API
- Created and maintained a scalable infrastructure on AWS for multiple interdependent apps
- Migrated all PHP systems from PHP 5 to 7. Starting migration to PHP 8
- Migrated a live database from MySQL to Postgres to take advantage of native JSON support
- Built a natural language processing system on top of Stanford Core NLP to detect various parts of sentences and how they're used and match them against known sentences for classification
- Worked with ElasticSearch to provide fast, fuzzy, and custom search results

12/2019 -Present

Owner / CTO - Plugins For WP | Vancouver, WA

- Bootstrapped a profitable partnership selling GPL Wordpress plugins: https://pluginsforwp.com/
- Built an app store for GPL plugins as a Wordpress plugin using Vue, Bulma, and Buefy on the front end: https://pluginsforwp.com/download-plugin-manager
- Built a system for updating our plugins from source using Clojure and Etaoin to drive Chrome using Chromedriver

11/1998 -Present

Owner - Lucianux | Vancouver, WA

- See: http://lucianux.com/ and https://github.com/lucian303/
- Worked on consulting and open source projects such as https://tripping.com/ and https://github.com/lucian303/corenlpd (Clojure REST HTTP Server for Stanford Core.NLP)
- Helped launch Jeff Dunham's store using Magento: http://www.jeffdunham.com/shop/
- Helped create the SOAP API and donation flow for: http://standup2cancer.org/

05/2013-07/2013

- Senior Software Consultant (Contract) Microsoft, Mountain View, CA
 - Used PHP, Symfony 2, Javascript, jQuery, PostgreSQL, HTML5, CSS for a new backend app
 - Built a crawler and scraper in PHP for data gathering

10/2012-02/2013

Senior Software Engineer - Lead (Contract) - Malwarebytes | San Jose, CA

- Worked on an internal tool to help researchers analyze new malware
- Used PHP (Symfony 2), Javascript (jQuery), CSS (Bootstrap), Twig, Composer, EC2, S3, DynamoDB,
 MySQL, Hadoop and Hive through EMR

09/2012 -11/2012

Senior Software Engineer and Architect (Contract) – Genentech | South San Francisco, CA

	 Built a peer to peer and server based videoconferencing app using PHP and Javascript, OpenTok, Silex, Backbone.js, Composer, RabbitMQ, MySQL and deployed on Heroku
	Built a REST API and architected the database
01/2012 –	Senior Software Engineer (Contract) – Stella and Dot LLC San Bruno, CA
07/2012	Worked on adding new features, scaling, and fixing Magento as well as other apps
,	(http://www.stelladot.com/)
	 Used PHP, Zend Framework, JavaScript, jQuery, MySQL, CSS, AJAX, JSON, XML, SVN, Apache,
	Memcached, Varnish, Splunk, Jira, phpunit
04/2011 –	Senior Software Engineer (Contract) – BitGravity, Inc. Burlingame, CA
12/2011	Used PHP, JavaScript, YUI, MySQL, CSS, AJAX, JSON, XML, SVN, Apache, Lighttpd, Memcached,
	Spock Proxy, FreeBSD, Trac, PHPUnit, Jenkins, Capistrano to build the main dashboard app
	Integrated Zend Framework into the existing custom MVC framework and worked with giant,
	sharded MySQL databases
03/2011 -	Lead PHP Engineer (Contract) – Genentech South San Francisco, CA
05/2011	 Improved an internal application for hiring contractors by adding new features, debugging,
	speeding up queries, and refactoring code (PHP, Javascript, FileMaker, IIS)
	 Introduced source control (SVN), a standard release process, as well as development and
	production environments and other best practices
05/2010 –	Lead UI Engineer (Contract) – TheFind Inc. San Francisco, CA
02/2011	 Worked on building TheFind's REST API, frontend, and features supporting mobile development
	 Used Javascript (jQuery), MySQL, HTML5, CSS3, AJAX / JSON, XML, Smarty, SVN, Git, Trac to build
	the main site which had 30 million unique hits a month
11/2009 –	Software Engineer (Contract) – ReputationDefender (Reputation) Redwood City, CA
03/2010	 Used PHP 5 and two custom MVC frameworks, Javascript (jQuery / mooTools), MySQL, XHTML,
	CSS, AJAX / JSON, XML, Smarty, SVN, Bugzilla to build various apps
	Implemented Facebook Connect and oAuth with LinkedIn for parsing data
07/2009 –	Senior Software Engineer and Chief Architect (Contract, Remote) - Tripping Intl, San Francisco, CA
12/2009	Created a travel social networking site to connect travelers wanting a more local experience with
	hosts having a spare couch or room and maintained the company's servers
	 Architected, designed, and implemented the core web application: https://www.tripping.com/
	using PHP 5, Zend Framework, jQuery / jQuery UI, MySQL, XHTML, CSS, AJAX / JSON, XML,
02/2000	external REST/SOAP APIs, MyBB and MyBB integration, APC
03/2009 – 07/2009	Software Engineer (Contract) - Mercantila, Inc. San Francisco, CA
07/2009	Increased ad revenue 10x in one month using multivariate testing and optimizing load times
07/2000	Worked on e-commerce stores, adding revenue driving features using jQuery and jQuery UI
07/2008 – 03/2009	Software Engineer - GoingOn, Inc. San Francisco, CA
03/2003	Developed a socially enabled learning site for the University of Pennsylvania
02/2000	Used PHP, Javascript, Drupal, CSS, XHTML, AJAX, XML, XSL, XSLT, JSON, MySQL
03/2008 –	Software Engineer (Contract) - LiveNation (SignaturesNetwork) San Francisco, CA
06/2008	Customized the front and backend of Magento into a business to business e-commerce platform
06/2005	Used PHP, Magento, Zend Framework, Javascript (jQuery), MySQL 5, XHTML, CSS, XML Series Programmer (Parallel on Class
06/2005 – 03/2008	Senior Programmer / Developer - Olson Research Group, Inc. Ewing, NJ Los Altos, CA
03/2000	Led technical development for a small team developing web surveys
	 Used PHP, Javascript, Perl, Python, MySQL, XHTML, CSS to develop apps and maintained servers

Education

20+ years self-taught development experience (started on an Apple II-E at the age of 12)
Graduated from Villanova University in 2003 on a Full Presidential Scholarship. GPA: 3.49
Double Bachelor Degrees (B.A.H.): Philosophy / Honors Program (Dean's List Status all four years)