Marek Ventur Full-Stack Developer

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I have worked for different companies and industries, such as IBM, Last.fm and gaming startup Gamevy. At Amazon I have worked both for their retail branch and in AWS, as part of its machine learning org.

My experience goes all the way from working on the custom large-scale database backends, to developing games, leading UI/UX projects and designing ML systems. I am comfortable working between teams and roles and I love picking up new skills.

In my spare time I'm part of the team that designs and builds the increasingly complex electronical conference badges for the Electromagnetic Field hacker camp.

Skills

- Backend Development: Java, Python, Node, PHP
- Frontend Development: React, Angular, JS/CSS/HTML, WebGL
- UI/UX: UI Design, user research, accessibility, usability, i18n
- HTTP infrastructure: Load balancing, websockets, high-throughput architectures
- Operations: Unix, CD, automation, monitoring, high-severity on-call
- Data Analysis: Redshift, Hive, SQL, DynamoDB, Kinesis
- Project Management: Product ownership, Client communication, Resourcing, Prioritisation
- Languages: English, German, Spanish (beginner)

Selected projects (the ones I can talk about)

- Anomaly Detection: Prototyping, designing and launching CodeGuru Profiler's Anomaly Detection feature.
- Launching an AWS service: Building, launching and operating Amazon CodeGuru Profiler. Leading UX and UI work to improve usability and comprehension of data visualization (Flame Graphs)
- Transactional product database: Worked on large scale, low latency data store that acted as an entry point to Amazon's product pipeline running on a 4-digit-size fleet of hosts and DynamoDB table that ranked in the Top 5 of all DynamoDB tables world-wide. Extensive re-design of the internal data structure and migration of storage format.
- Reporting infrastructure: ETL service for normalising and pushing game data to Google Big Query.
- Rohrpost: PubSub-to-Websocket server build for one of Gamevy's multiplayer games. Designed to separate long lasting websocket connections from backend services and to handle automatic load balancing, server restarts and backend handover during deploys and failures github.com/Gamevy/rohrpost-server
- Realtime Scrobbles: How many users are listening to what music in which country? Second-level-resolution of Last.fm's "currently listening" data fronted by a custom load-balancing infrastructure
- PIXI Packer: Assets packer focused on small download sizes and speed. Reduced build time of Gamevy's games by 50% github.com/Gamevy/pixi-packer
- Monte Carlo: Game simulation framework designed to speed up testing of new game concepts github.com/Gamevy/monte-carlo
- Tilda Mk2, Mk3 and Mk4: Custom designed (and fully working) PCBs used conference badges for UKs biggest hackers and makers gathering blog.emfcamp.org

Employment history

AWS, Machine Learning (May 2019 - Present), London

Software Development Engineer

Develope and launch Amazon CodeGuru Profiler

- Leading **UX/UI** for the AWS console component and the profiler visualizations.
- Prototyped, developed, designed and launched anomaly detection feature
- Day-to-day running of services, including **on-call** support

Amazon (Oct 2017 - May 2019), London

Software Development Engineer

Working on services that enable Amazon's massive product catalog

- Design and implementation of new features.
- Day-to-day running of services, including on-call support
- Operations and tooling

• Trouble shooting and support in one of the worlds most complex product pipelines

Gamevy (Aug 2013 - Sep 2017), London

Senior Developer and Product Lead

As the first non-founder to join Gamevy I've worked on game design, HTML5 frontends, backend infrastructure and operations

- Developing game concepts for the majority of Gamevy's games to date.
- **Project management** from customer request to delivery
- Creating playable **prototypes and simulations** as well as the probabilistic maths to verify their correctness
- UX: Making sure that Gamevy's games not only look great but are also easy to understand and a fun to play
- Implementation of **backend** infrastructure in accordance with gambling regulations
- Implementation of game frontend for both mobile and desktop via HTML5. Frequent contributer to PIXI.js
- Creation of **infrastructure** for continuous deployment, scaling, monitoring and auditing

Last.fm (Oct 2011 - Aug 2013), London

Web and Data Developer

Back-end and focused (Hadoop, Java and PHP) with occasional front end projects

- Data research (Hadoop, Hive, SQL)
- Refactor of a chart-image generator service, serving millions of requests per day
- Maintenance of infrastructure that handles user-uploaded images
- Suggested, prototyped, designed and implemented main parts of Last.fm's **realtime charts infrastructure** that provided up-to-the-second resolution
- Participated in major redesign project

IBM (Oct 2008 - Nov 2011), Germany

Corporate Student Program

Project work in various IBM teams combined with an integrated university BSc program

Education

Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Mannheim (Oct 2008 - Nov 2011)

BSc Science, Business IT