Mark Hyams

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EXPERIENCE

Co-Creator & Software Engineer

River (2020)

remote

Drop-in real-time service for web applications, easily deployed, and ready to scale

- Designed architecture: researched and decided on River architecture, considering trade-offs of various AWS resources
- **Built WebSocket server:** chose Node.js for its ability to handle high number of simultaneous connections, its widespread usage, and the extensibility of the Express.js framework
- Connected ElastiCache for Redis: chose Redis to leverage its publish-subscribe functionality when working with multiple nodes of the WebSocket server
- Configured deployment with AWS CDK: implemented Infrastructure-as-code to create a repeatable and configurable deployment experience
- **Deployed containerized server to AWS:** to minimize server maintenance and fix the "works on my machine" problem, containerized the WebSocket server and deployed on ECS Fargate
- **Co-authored technical case study:** explained the problems solved by River, compared existing solutions, and described River's design and implementation: https://river-live.github.io

Full-stack Web Developer

Self-employed (2018—2020)

remote

- Mello: Trello like collaboration board with back-end API built with Rails, and front-end UI built with React + Redux
- **Pro-Tix!**: Project ticket-tracking app with user-login, comments, tags, tickets and projects. Built using Rails, PostgreSQL, and Bootstrap
- Home Run Pool: A custom fantasy-sports app. Scrapes Yahoo! Sports using PHP on a daily cron job, and compiles stats
- Todos: To-dos SPA built with Node.js, Express.js, JavaScript, Handlebars, HTML and CSS

Orchestral Musician

various employers (1996—2020)

- Performed with orchestras all over the United States, as well as Malaysia, Japan and Australia
- Played on GRAMMY-award-winning album with Saint Louis Symphony (2014)
- Won numerous national auditions for employment in highly-competitive orchestral positions
- Received tenure after hiring in every orchestra
- Performed in Carnegie Hall with Saint Louis Symphony (2007)

EDUCATION

Launch School

2018-2020

- Multi-year full-stack Software Engineering curriculum, focused on mastering fundamentals
- Back end: Ruby, Node.js, HTTP, PostgreSQL
- Front end: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Evanston, IL

Northwestern University

1999-2000

• Master of Music in Performance, June 2000

Boulder, Colorado

University of Colorado

1994-1997

Bachelor of Music in Performance, May 1997

SKILLS

Languages

CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Node.js, PHP, Ruby, SQL

Technologies

 AWS (API Gateway, CDK, ECS Fargate, Elastic Load Balancer, ElastiCache, Lambda), Docker, Erb, Express.js, Git/Github, Handlebars, HTTP, PostgreSQL, Redis, Ruby on Rails, Sinatra, React, Redux, REST APIs