

Matthew Benjamin

Staff Software Engineer

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Diligent and curious software engineer with 6+ years of experience in mobile, and web technologies. My experience as a technical lead and engineering manager has allowed me to become well-versed in the product development lifecycle, advocating for engineers while also meeting business needs. I guarantee to bring positivity and energy to your company.

EXPERIENCE

Engineer Manager | *June 2022 - Present*

Rakuten Rewards / San Francisco, CA

- Pair programmed, planned sprints, and created career development plans for a team of 8 software developers responsible for maintaining and developing new features for the home screen across web, iOS, and Android
- Implemented new agile processes for increased productivity and quicker delivery cycles
- Oversaw two multi-team projects to deprecate legacy technologies utilizing modern paradigms including serverless architecture and removing code that was 4+ years old allowing for increased release frequency

Staff Software Engineer – *March 2021 - June 2022*

Senior Software Engineer – *September 2019 - March 2021*

Software Engineer II – *February 2019 - August 2019*

Rakuten Rewards / San Francisco, CA

- Pioneered replacing an existing tech stack utilizing Next.js, React, Typescript, and Storybook for quicker development cycles and scalability across all product teams within the company
- Implemented and delivered a Brownfield React Native feature inside the current iOS and Android codebase in less than 4 months; subsequently learned Swift, Objective-C, and SwiftUI making over 400 commits to iOS repo
- Collaborated closely with designers to deliver a best-practices guideline of how to handoff Figma designs to frontend developers across all platforms utilizing Rakuten's internal design system
- Completed the Udemy Course "Learn Figma - UI/UX Essential Training" to gain a new skill as a frontend developer

Software Engineer Contractor – *January 2022 - Present (Part-time)*

Materio / Remote

- Refactored and contributed 10+ features for the React Native iOS app written with TypeScript and Expo
- Upgraded and setup Expo's EAS Build for App Store distribution to over 125 TestFlight users

Course Instructor for "Mastering React Native" – *January 2019 - May 2019*

Packt / Remote

- Outlined, scripted, developed, and recorded a Packt online course taken by hundreds of students to teach Redux, push notifications, API integrations, React Navigation, and animations

React Native Developer – *October 2018 - January 2019*

Unroll.Me / New York, NY

- Converted a native app to React Native; implemented CodePush to send over-the-air updates to 5 million+ users

Frontend Developer – *November 2017 - September 2018*

Werk / New York, NY

- Developed a SASS-based component library for the React-based enterprise content management system

Software Engineer – *August 2016 - November 2017*

theEMPLOYEEapp / New York, NY

- Designed, built, maintained, and tested React, React Native, and Node.js enterprise apps used by millions

Education

iOS Development Bootcamp, New York Code and Design Academy – *June 2016*

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, University at Buffalo – *May 2015*