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**Education**

**App Academy** Sept 2014 - Nov 2014

*Coding Bootcamp in New York, NY*

**University of Connecticut** Completed May 2013

*Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering*, GPA: 3.5/4.0

**University of Connecticut** Completed Dec 2010

*Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering*

**Experience**

**IHL Group** Sept 2017 - May 2018

*New York, NY*

● Collaborated with CEO, IT manager and head of sales to create application to track complex system of accounts and purchase orders

● Built using Ruby on Rails framework hosted on Heroku application platform with PostgreSQL database service

● Designed interface with Bootstrap and Semantic CSS frameworks

● Integrated Docparser service to parse information from purchase order PDF files. Safely deliver file data to Docparser API using base64 encoding

● Connect events feature to Google calendar, store Google account authorization credentials in Redis token store

● Ruby gems: rest-client (for API calls to services), axlsx (for creating excel reports), redis, sendgrid-ruby, cancancan, rolify, google-api-client, googleauth

**Mango Concept**  Sept 2016 - Present

*New York, NY*

Project: New York Foundation for the Arts / nyfa.org Nov 2016 - Present

● Worked with Product manager and IT manager to maintain and redesign legacy ASP.NET MVC4 application; which is a set of tools to help artists and present projects profile page, track project funding and expenses

● Re-architected deployment process to simple Visual Studio export when previous solution was discontinued

● Fixed Authorize.net integration by forcing the security protocol TLS 1.2 when older TLS versions were discontinued

● Reduced AWS costs by scaling down servers after identifying and reducing costly database queries

● Separate out CMS into Wordpress instance, and rebuild admin artist advertiser web app into .NET CORE hosted on AWS Serverless Platform. (Start from AWS Serverless template for .NET Core)

● Import data from legacy SQL database instance into DynamoDB database service. Use spreadsheet Ruby gem to read exported data in Ruby where data is process and saved to DynamoDB using aws-sdk gem

● Manually validate JSON Web Token signed by symmetric algorithm (HS256) used in Auth0 user authentication service

● Use React.js components for auth and complicated frontend features such as notes and Babel to compile JSX to vanilla JavaScript

● Create custom roles system for admins, advertisers and sponsored artists

● Services: Mailgun, Sendgrid, Raygun

Project: American Friends of Hebrew University / afhu.org

● Built custom Wordpress website from Underscores (\_s) starter theme and Sass

Project: BeePopulate / beepopulate.com

● Bootstrapped interactive encyclopedia project with create-react-app React.js starter kit, using TweenMax and TweenLite components from the GSAP JavaScript library I engineered a page turning effect

Project: Paleo Passion Foods / paleopassionfoods.com

● Created Ruby script that calls Google Maps API to process store data from client so could import 1000’s of locations into "WP Store Locator" plugin

Project: Eleven Seven Music Group / elevensevenmusic.com

● Used Ruby on Rails to engineer album pre-save feature to empower music fans to pre-save album to their Spotify account

Project: Healthy Turtle

● Used React.js to build an admin portal for an iPhone fitness coaching app

Project: Clip Ninja / clipninja.com

● Architected system that used aws-sdk Ruby gem to transfer user-generated videos to AWS S3 file storage, and on Ruby on Rails backend made system calls to FFmpeg, the leading multimedia framework

● Integrated with Auth0 authentication service in order to quickly allow login via email or Facebook, as well as reset password. Make synchronous API call in custom field validator function to make sure username is unique. Decode JavaScript Web Token on backend.

**Robert Half Consulting** Feb 2016 - April 2016

*New York, NY*

Project: Truveris / OneRx.com

● Collaborated with UX/UI team at a pharmaceutical software company correcting React.js app to mock-ups and troubleshooting responsive design elements in a mobile-friendly frontend with complex CSS inheritance

● Investigated design interaction and implemented integration between map and list components by creating a custom event on the window object, when user hovered over item in list the associated Google Maps marker bounces twice and comes to front of markers

● Developed a React.js text input component to fix the placeholder text disappearing on focus glitch for Internet Explorer versions 10 and 11, as this was an important design interaction

**Gramercy Consultants** July 2015 – December 2015

*New York, NY*

● Crafted a great user experience for commercial real estate brokers with an HTML / JS front-end and straightforward JSON API routes customized for the front-end to consume

● Created secure digital downloads feature using Stripe API to process payments; each download link contains a cryptographically strong token generated by SecureRandom's urlsafe\_base64 method

● Setup authentication stack using Devise / CanCanCan / Rolify for secure API calls and user permissions

● Analyzed new project proposal for multiplayer browser-based game; evaluated tools (Ruby, JavaScript, Mongo, PostgreSQL, Ruby on Rails, Volt, Ember.js, Meteor, Unity3D) to solve the problem statement and chose the best solution to bootstrap a playable prototype

● Optimized real-time Volt app with a complicated data/model structure; finished features such as reset password that are built into the Volt User System, but were not yet finished by the Volt team

**The Psalm of Howard Thurman Documentary Film** Apr 2015 - May 2015

*Boston, MA*

● Used Adobe Muse to generate the most cutting-edge single-page flat user interface

● Deployed Adobe Muse app in hosting environment that supports PHP server-side scripting

● Explored many template and design technologies, such as Twitter Bootstrap templates and scratch coding CSS/JS

● Helped refine content and customize Muse template to best tell the story of Howard Thurman

● URL => http://www.howardthurmanfilm.com

**Free Fundraise**  Mar 2015 - May 2015

*Boston, MA*

● Engineered API-driven Backbone.js app enabling you to shop and give the advertising affiliate fees generated to the charity of your choice

● Designed and programmed user interface in Backbone.js with carousels built on jQuery fading methods

● Allowed users to either select a featured charity, or to explore all, which adds a selected charity to the featured collection as well as activating it for donations

● Integrated charity tracking-ids into each unique set of query string parameters required by Amazon, eBay and FlexOffers affiliate programs

**Outlearn.com** Jan 2015 - Feb 2015

*Boston, MA*

● Researched technical training topics and formatted content into prototype format

● Integrated with GitHub through importation of repositories and allowing login using GitHub account

● Experimented with JavaScript Fancytree library, a dynamic tree view plugin for jQuery, to display imported contents

● Engineered advanced coding challenges using RSpec tests for Ruby and Jasmine tests for JavaScript

● Created interactive terminal sessions for Ruby, JavaScript and PHP using jq-console, a jQuery plugin

**Westport, CT and World Maker Faires** Apr 2014 (Westport) and Sept 2014 (World)

*Westport, CT and New York, NY*

● Presented the science behind my software package Clean Fuel Chemical Kinetics and how it can be used to model clean fuels in the engines of tomorrow

● Articulated reaction rate and Lagrange multiplier problems to teach science and math to faire attendees

**University of Connecticut** Jan 2011 - Dec 2012

*Storrs, CT*

● Teaching Assistant for Combustion, Compressible Flow, Renewable Energy, and Senior Design Project classes

**Projects**

**Volt Framework Prototypes** Dec 2015 – Jan 2016

The Volt Ruby framework (voltframework.com) is great for rapid prototyping of web apps. It integrates MongoDB, WebSocket, and Opal Ruby-to-JavaScript converter right out of the box.

Investing App

*backend: github.com/maxplomer/investing\_rest\_api, frontend: github.com/maxplomer/investing\_angular2*

● Uses Volt as backend API and Angular2 for frontend to show 10 recent stock trades

● Deployed Ruby backend using Dokku an open source Platform as a Service; GitHub Pages is used to host Angular2 frontend

● Modified Volt HTTP Controller to add Access-Control-Allow-Origin header to response

Quick Calculator

*github.com/maxplomer/quick\_calc*

● Simple online calculator that shows recent calculations, evaluates equation safely in the browser

● Utilizes Volt’s built-in flash alerts to display "We were unable to evaluate your equation!" error message

Simple Public Timeline

*github.com/maxplomer/simple\_public\_timeline*

● Effectively uses Volt backend as a proxy server between client browser and Twitter API via the Twitter Ruby gem

● An asynchronous test was created that calls the get\_tweets task and ensures it returns an array of proper length

Volt Todo App

*github.com/maxplomer/volt-tutorial*

● Low fidelity todo app that explores project structure using database associations (Project has many Tasks, Task has many Items)

● Inputs and textareas are saved/updated in real-time

● Evaluate JavaScript, such as calls to confirm() method, directly in back-ticks (``) when no Opal/Ruby method is given

Exploration of NYC Event API

*github.com/maxplomer/api\_explorer*

● Built app for App Academy hackathon that explores different routes of the NYC Event API

**Ember.js Todo App** Sept 2015

*github.com/maxplomer/ember-todo*

● Instead of using Ember Data to manage model data, AJAX calls containing an array of todos are used to keep data synced between the Ember.js front-end and Rails back-end

● List of todos stored as serialized data on a text attribute of a single ActiveRecord model instance

● Deployed Ember.js app on Heroku using ember-cli-rails gem; increased build timeout to fix Heroku glitch

**Carbon Calculator**  May 2015

*github.com/maxplomer/carbon-calculator*

● Architected AngularJS app that performs carbon footprint calculation and persists data to Ruby on Rails back-end

● Added user authentication using the angular-devise service, and charted user progress with the angular-charts component

● Sent result of footprint calculation, coded in Ruby, to the AngularJS front-end via API as an attribute in the ActiveModel Serializer

**AndrewTalty.tv** Apr 2015

*github.com/maxplomer/andrewtaltytv*

● Used jquery-tubular plugin to display a responsive YouTube video in the background of a TV producer’s Ruby on Rails portfolio page

● Detected client’s browser type using JavaScript’s navigator object, then displayed a still image background for mobile devices

● Created a subtle effect by blurring social media and video control buttons using the text-shadow CSS attribute

**JavaScriptSandbox.com** Dec 2014

*github.com/maxplomer/javascript\_sandbox*

● Constructed online code testing environment using Ruby on Rails and Backbone.js, great for evaluating HTML, CSS and JavaScript code in the browser

● Architected user authentication using a current\_user Rails controller and corresponding current\_user Backbone.js Model

● Selected the Bootstrap navbar component to create an intuitive site navigation

**Real Estate Tracker.co** Dec 2014

*github.com/maxplomer/real\_estate\_tracker*

● Presented complex financial analyses for investment properties using instantly updating forms and compelling diagrams

● Communicated data to API using jQuery Ajax requests from within the Ruby on Rails rendered view

**Coding Challenges**  Nov 2014

*github.com/maxplomer/coding\_challenges*

● Enlisted Ruby on Rails to create a community where users can compete and boost their programming skills

● Harnessed Ace high performance code-editor to deliver code syntax highlighting for Ruby, JavaScript and SQL

● Jailed user-submitted code as to only permit safe method calls

**Investing Competition** Nov 2014

*github.com/maxplomer/finance-clone*

● Built stock investing competition application using Ruby on Rails and Backbone.js; a pure Rails version was also created

● Applied Heroku scheduler and market\_beat ruby gem to save stock market quotes to a PostgreSQL database

● Graphed user portfolio performance using Highcharts pure JavaScript library; calculated chart data using algorithm optimized for least SQL queries

**Clean Fuel Chemical Kinetics** June 2013 - Dec 2013

*combustionhelp.com*

● Programmed simplified chemical kinetics software package in MATLAB; a version using hybrid of GNU Octave and Fortran was also created

● Investigated CHEMKIN-II mechanism format, Arrhenius/Lindeman/Troe form reactions, calculating thermodynamic data from NASA polynomials, programming language speeds and license costs

● Applied MATLAB profiler to improve program inefficiencies; time to converge constant volume reactor with methane fuel was reduced from 619 sec to 0.8 sec

**Technology Skills**

**Languages** => Ruby, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, SQL, C#, MATLAB, Fortran

**Tools** => Ruby on Rails, React.js, AngularJS, Backbone.js, Ember.js, ASP.NET, Bootstrap, Semantic UI, Git, Linux, AWS, Heroku

**Hobbies** => Raspberry Pi, Unity3D Game Engine, Surfing, Biking

**Favorite Ruby Gems** => rest-client, whenever