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Experience

Software Development

June 2019 — Present // London, UK

▷ Focused on server-side development, testing, data structures, and best practices.

▷ Projects include: Twitter NLP bot, Wikipedia scraping and visualization tool, image classifier (for hotdogs), online messaging app, and a web app which provides a Tinder-like shopping interface, to purchase records based on a user's Spotify profile.

Head of Customer Experience @ SeedLegals

January 2019 — Present // London, UK

▷ Responsible for hiring, training, and managing a team of 6, and setting and tracking OKRs. Scaled our service from ~3,000 startups served on an ad-hoc basis, to over 13,000 startups, accelerators, and funds - with clear touch points and targets.

▷ Daily cross-functional work with other teams, where I manage feedback and product direction - in order to ensure the product reaches end customers as intended.

Legal and Venture Associate @ SeedLegals

July — December 2018 // London, UK

▷ Hired as employee #6, to be the first dedicated hire to support startup founders with their legal work (company structuring, venture funding, and employment related work).

▷ Product owner on all SEIS-EIS related tax work. Scaled from ~12 customers/month to over 100 customers/month. Redesigned the process so average time per customer dropped from ~90 minutes to ~25 minutes (with no drop in approval ratings).

▷ Spoke at workshops and events, coordinated with design, sales, marketing, and engineering teams, conducted legal research, wrote content for our blog, did whatever else was necessary to scale. (Anything from building furniture to social media handling)

Technology and Communications Officer @ UCL Law Society

September 2017 — June 2018 // London, UK

▷ Entirely redesigned the law society website and social media usage.

Editor @ Silk v Brief

September 2016 — June 2018 // London, UK

▷ Coordinated with a team of 5 to gather edit and publish submissions to the student law journal.

Finalist @ #hackjustice

July 2016 // Sydney, Australia

▷ Finalist at a legal hackathon, where teams of CS and Law students teamed up for 48hrs to build technology-based solutions for a local refugee legal aid center.

▷ Proposed an innovative client management system, to reduce administrative costs for the resource limited clinic.

Research and Data Assistant @ UCL Legal Clinic at the Guttman Institute

Spring 2016 // London, UK

▷ Researched as part of a national pilot program studying student based legal aid. Interviewed clients and collected observational data.

Tools Used (So far...)

Languages

Python, JavaScript (ES6), HTML5, CSS, SQL

Other

Flask, Vue, Vuetify, Keras, Materialize, Bootstrap, OAuth, Git, GitHub, Postgres, MySQL, AWS, Postman, Heroku, SSL

Education

University College London

2014 – 2018 // London, UK

Achieved top 10% in my year on the LL.B. in Law. Modules focused on Intellectual Property, Employment law, Internet and Environmental Regulation.

Dissertation on the philosophy of non-pecuniary rights of artists.

Year Abroad at UNSW

2016 - 2017 // Sydney, Australia

Additional year as part of the Law degree, did research modules included the Law of Politics, Telecommunications Regulation, and an Economic Analysis of Law.

About Me

I'm Canadian & German, born and raised in Vancouver, BC. I moved to the London in 2014 to study law. Currently, I'm working on my skills as a developer, and actively looking for opportunities in this field.

My interests include Tech Ethics, Music, Outdoors, Film Photography, Cinema, and Diving

I'd love to chat, even if you're unsure there's a role for me at the moment!

References

Available on request.