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Summary

I'm a Full-stack engineer with startup and agency experience. At 13 years old I created my first e-commerce site and found I had a great passion for the field. 3 years later I started a web development and design company which I held for 7 years, allowing me to gain a lot of self taught development and UX/UI experience. After selling my company I took my experience and started working for large development agencies and brands gaining extensive experience dealing with today's latest frameworks and languages along with building to scale. Also helped build a VC funded startup and grew its engineering team to 11 people.

Objective

I am interested in lead full stack roles but do want to be at a company where I have the opportunity to expand experience in big data. I am looking for a fast growing startup that's working on technology that solves fulfilling problems. My goal is to continue my experience in big data and eventually one day move more into neural networks and deep learning which I'm very fascinated in.

Skills & Expertise

Backend

Languages and Technology

Python, NodeJS, PHP, PostgreSQL, MySQL, ElasticSearch, MongoDB, Neo4J, Cypher, Redis, AWS, Travis CI, Codeception, PHPUnit, Linux

Frameworks

Django, Express.js, Meteor, Yii, Laravel, Zend, CakePHP, Magento, ExpressionEngine

Frontend

Languages and Technology

SASS, Less, JS/ES6, Grunt, Gulp, Yeoman, HTML/HTML5, CSS/CSS3, PhantomJS, CoffeeScript, D3.js

Frameworks

Angular, React, React Native, Ampersand.js, Jade, Backbone, Bootstrap, jQuery

AWS

Experience with

EC2 + Load balancer setup, S3 + event trigger setup, Lambda, EMR, RDS, ElastiCache, Elasticsearch, CodeDeploy

UI/UX

Softwares Knowledge

Photoshop, Illustrator, Sketch, Balsamiq, InVision, InDesign

Experience

Engineering Manager @ InstaBrand

August 2015 - Present (1 year 3 months)

Managed a team of 4, helped code review, technical planning of product specs, managed release process, contributed to architecting and building data structure in Neo4j and Elasticsearch, helped create python ETL jobs to transform our data from our SSOT to be indexed into Elasticsearch and Neo4. Contribute architect and feature builds of Django RESTful application and frontend application.

CTO @ InstaBrand

March 2014 - August 2015 (1 year 6 months)

I built and managed an engineering team of 11 people, implemented agile and scrum practices, set up CI workflows, lead architect on entire angular build and PHP Yii2 backend, helped build product team and manage stakeholder expectations, helped companies achieve series A in funding with viable product and ensured code quality across team.

Technical Consultant @ Essio

October 2013 - Present (3 years 1 month)

Conduct technical screening of Essio Developers, code review all pull requests to maintain code quality, advise on technology to use for ecommerce platform

Web Developer @ BLITZ

October 2013 - March 2014 (6 months)

Being at one of the top development agencies, really helped boost my knowledge base of latest frameworks and languages. Being in an environment with top talent really gave me an edge of understanding why certain frameworks are used and why others are not used and learning best practices to use.

Technical Lead @ eNiche Solutions

July 2012 - August 2013 (1 year 1 month)

In July 2012, eNiche Solutions bought out my company that I have had for the past 6.5 years and I took over as head developer. When I joined eNiche Solutions they were a web marketing company, I helped enter them into development which they were then able to dynamically SEO a wider variety of sites. Being apart of eNiche not only allowed me to work on bigger brand projects but also gave me some SEO experience. I learned many schema tricks, how to properly place "natural" backlinks and many other SEO practices that are now involved in my development methods.

Web Developer / Founder @ iCapture Marketing

March 2006 - September 2012 (6 years 7 months)

I started iCapture Marketing out of my parents garage in 2005. It started as a web and UI design company that transformed into development. Over the years I grew the company to over 100 active clients that were from small startups to medium size businesses. During this time I gained experience building out PHP sites on Zend, CakePHP, Yii, Wordpress and also gained front end experience in HTML and CSS.