# NICK HESTER

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## EXPERIENCE

### The Weather Company, IBM
Software Engineer

April 2017 – Present
Atlanta, GA

- Performance Subject Matter Expert for the web development team.
- Currently leading back-end development of weather.com redesign. Overall load times have improved by roughly 30% compared to the current site.
- Led major successful performance initiative for weather.com in 2018. Sped up time to interactivity by 40%, allowing for faster ad impressions, leading to a significant increase in ad revenue.

### Wave Broadband
Sales Representative

December 2015 – March 2017
Daly City, CA

- Exceeded sales goals across TV, internet, and phone products, by 50%

### Comcast
Sales Representative

May 2015 – December 2015
San Francisco, CA

- Sold Comcast cable products door-to-door.

## SKILLS

- Languages: JavaScript, Go, HTML, CSS, Sass
- Tools: Node, React, Redux, Redis, Webpack, Git, Docker

## PROJECTS

### Weather.com Performance Refactor JavaScript, Node, React          https://weather.com
Beginning at the start of 2018, I led an initiative in refactoring the codebase of weather.com to be more performant. This included work on both the server-side and on the client-side. Concluding in July of 2018, the project was deemed a success; client-side loading times had decreased, page visits increased, and ad impression rates increased as well, all leading to a 33% increase in revenue from the prior year.

### Conversational Weather Insights Go
A new way to get weather data, this internal API service allows consumers to receive actionable information about the most relevant weather in their area. Responses are text, in a conversational format, versus raw data.

## EDUCATION

### California State University, Chico
Project Management; Applied Computer Graphics

Aug 2011 – May 2015
Chico, CA

### Udacity
Nanodegree Front End Web Development

Feb 2016 – Mar 2016
Online

### Udacity
Nanodegree Senior Web Development

Jun 2016 – Sep 2016
Online