

ABOUT ME

Values

- Always be learning! A language, a style, depth in a specific facet; learning is what keeps things exciting!
- Always be teaching! Grows you, them, and the community in wonderful ways :)
- Object Oriented Programming! (even in the face of cool fun functional stuff, OOP is great in the 90% case)
- Build simple software. Don't make people work hard to understand creative messes, but write simple, discrete units with a single purpose that express intent.
- I love to mess around with fun side projects in my free time! I have a dream of building a small community of light beings :)
- Very "Right tool for the right job."
- I like using languages, not just frameworks. POROs and POJOs are good things!

Favorites

- Sandy Metz : Books, trainings, love her thoughts on OO!
- Avdi Grim : Ruby Tapas, every week! Wonderful mind around programming!
- Martin Fowler : Website is a much used reference. Books are canonical!

Technologies

- Git : A nice git history is very important!
- Ruby on Rails : Great fascilitator, but the heart of my app it still the damain inside.
- Sinatra
- Postgres
- MySql
- Redis
- Continuous Integration : Travis CI, Codeship
- Lots of integrations : All over AWS, Google, private client APIs
- Ember : I am co-organizer of the Atlanta Ember Meetup
- D3.js
- React : A little sprinkle here and there
- Go : Just in pet projects

WORK HISTORY

Big Nerd Ranch

2014-09-01 - present

- BNR does consulting as well as teaching for major tech companies all over the world.
- I adopted programming practices from (what I believe to be) some of the best programmers in the industry.

Look-Listen

2013-08-12 - 2014-08-08

- Lead developer on three Rails projects, two of which have Ember front ends.
- Implement many technologies to solve real world problems.
- Grew to rely on the use of basic language constructs (not just implementing frameworks) to build systems from the ground up.

SmartBIM

2013-01-25 - 2013-08-06

- 3 Rails devs building and maintaining 3 Rails apps
- Our main product was an online library used to find 3D models for Revit
- This position introduced me to a large, complex system with multiple apps operating together

EDUCATION

Georgia State University Masters of Neuroscience

2009-08-01 - 2012-01-01

- 3.48/4.0

Georgia State University Bachelors of Science, Psychology

2006-08-01 - 2009-05-01

- 3.6/4.0
- Magna Cum Laude
- Honors Distinction