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## **EXPERIENCE**

- **Indizr**, founder (July 2017-present): Website started as a personal blogging project about digital independence. Recently, I've been exploring possible opportunities to evolve it into a consulting/services business focused on improving news delivery.
- **Vice News**, market columnist (February-October 2017): Wrote Market Movers, a daily data-driven column about the global economy and markets.
- **Roscoe Labs**, co-founder and chief product officer (July 2010-August 2016): Oversaw innovation, product design, and development for news startup focused on open-source news innovation. Lead developer of company's flagship product Beams, a framework for serving news sites using the secure HTTPS protocol.
- Wall Street Journal, staff reporter (May 1999-July 2010): Provided award-winning markets coverage for both print and online. Wrote about commodities for the print edition at first, then moved to stock-market coverage for print in 2006, then became hybrid print/online markets reporter in early 2008, just in time to cover one of the biggest crashes in Wall Street history.
- Washington Post: staff writer covering local business in suburban Prince William County, Va. (August 1997-May 1999); summer reporting intern in Metro section (June-August 1997); summer reporting intern in Business section (June-August 1996)

#### **SKILLS**

- Front-end web development: HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript/jQuery
- Webserver admin/development: Linux, Nginx, DigitalOcean, AWS, HTTPS, LetsEncrypt, SFTP, Node.js
- Developer APIs: YouTube, Google AMP, GitHub, Twitter, Facebook
- Audience analytics: Matomo, Google Analytics
- Market data: FactSet, ReutersPlus, Bloomberg

- Other tools: Ubuntu (desktop and mobile), GIMP photo editor
- Project management: Familiar with Agile and traditional PMI/waterfall principles

### **EDUCATION**

• Florida A&M University: B.S. in journalism with a minor in Spanish (1997)

## **AWARDS & ACTIVITIES**

- Participant, Building Bots for Journalism: Registered for upcoming Knight-funded online course taught by Quartz's John Keefe in the basics of building voice-activated "bot" software. Starting later this month, we'll be using developer APIs for common consumer tech like Facebook and Amazon's Alexa to make working bots. (2018)
- Poynter Institute for Media Studies: Guest taught a session on product management at Poynter's Media Leadership Academy in October 2016. Have also participated in several other seminars and events for them over two decades, including a year as a journalism ethics fellow in 2002.
- Gerald Loeb Awards, UCLA Anderson School of Management: Won 2011 prize in breaking-news category for coverage of 2010's "flash crash" on Wall Street. Finalist in same category in 2007 for coverage of merger of Chicago's major financial exchanges.
- Participant, Moby Dick Project: Attended inaugural work session at Stanford University's d.school for open-source news project launched by entrepreneur Ben Huh in conjunction with the Knight Foundation (July 2011)
- Thelma Thurston Gorham Distinguished Alumnus Award, FAMU School of Journalism, Media, and Graphic Communication (November 2009)
- Pulitzer Prize, Columbia University: Part of Wall Street Journal staff that shared award in the breaking-news category for coverage of the 9/11 attacks adjacent to the newspaper's headquarters in Lower Manhattan (March 2002)
- Member, Online News Association

#### REFERENCES

• Available upon request.