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INTRODUCTIONS

Joel Stewart, Founder



Joel has been a Principal and Lead Engineer in the mobile and game industries for over ten years. Pushing bits and bytes around is his specialty. He is now a serial entrepreneur and loves collaborating with talented individuals to bring visions to life.

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Magdalena Cruz Ramirez, Software Developer



Magdalena Cruz Ramirez

Senior Software Developer, University of Minnesota

For the 10 + year, Magdalena Cruz Ramirez has provided high-level quality development and support in a variety of teams and across multiple functional areas at the University of Minnesota. An Accomplished senior software developer, she holds a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering. Her strong awareness of software application technologies and IT service methodologies makes her ready to help and mentor women in STEM.

Cruz Ramirez strives to promote the University' vision on equality and diversity by promoting environments that value dignity and respect for the whole team. She is a member of and ambassador for Latinas in Computing, Women in Technology, American India Science and Engineering Society (AISES), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), and the ABI Minneapolis (AnitaB.org local).

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Elias Dawson, Senior Software Engineer

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Elias has been a professional web developer for 11 years. He is currently a Engineering Manager at CrowdStrike. He majored in Computer Science and has a BA from Macalester College and an MS from the University of Minnesota. Elias started his career making websites and applications for marketing agencies and gradually transitioned to product development and management.

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Ben Butzer, Senior Principal IT Technologist



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Ben is a Senior Principal IT Technologist at Medtronic, PLC. He leads a development team and serves as the Solution Architect on multi-platform mobile apps used by the Medtronic field sales force. The apps are used for sales transactions and medical device registrations. These apps were the initial implementations of concepts covered in two books: Professional Cross-Platform Mobile Development in C# and iPad In The Enterprise. Ben's group is under Business and Consumer Platforms in Medtronic Shared Information Technology Services.

He has been in software development and integration since 1988, with a wide variety of different products on different system platforms. Most experience has been as part of an integrated and multidisciplinary development project team.

Please come prepared with questions for the panel. This is an excellent opportunity to practice speaking with industry professionals. Be sure to thank our guests for taking time to meet with us and share their story.

Afterwards, please take a moment to share your thoughts and feedback about the Tech Talk by taking this [quick survey](#).

GOALS OF THE TECH TALK

LEARN

Engage with local tech professionals

PRACTICE

Opportunity to practice your elevator pitch in an organized environment with professionals who want to talk with you

BUILD YOUR NETWORK

Get advice on how to network and establish meaningful relationships in the tech community

EMPLOYER COMPETITIVE

Move yourself from employer ready to employer competitive