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SUMMARY

Software Engineer with 3 years of iOS and web development experience.
Experienced managing projects and leading small teams.

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer January 2014 - May 2016

Nextdoor, San Francisco, CA

Nextdoor is a social platform for neighbors. I joined the company as the 25th engineer.

- Learned Objective-C and the iOS platform while on a deadline to ship code: implemented multiple photo uploading and viewing for neighbor posts on iOS and the web. Handled limited server thread capacity by uploading photos directly to AWS S3. Increased number of photo posts by neighbors by over 100% and number of photos on the platform by over 500%.
- Led a cross-platform team of 7 engineers (web, iOS & Android) to build the 2014 Holiday Cheer Map, a neighbor-sourced map of holiday related points of interest. Worked with designers and product manager to spec the feature and plan for launch. Responsible for negotiating and then hitting aggressive development deadlines. Increased user sign-up during the slow holiday season by 16,000 users.
- Led iOS development of Nextdoor Babysitting – an early prototype of a neighbor-to-neighbor services product – with a team of 2 other iOS engineers over a 4 month period.
- Developed our 2015 Engineering Intern program. Interviewed dozens of intern candidates during the hiring process. Ran an onboarding process for interns that included talks by key employees. Helped plan social events including lunch talks with Nextdoor executives and founders.
- Refactored Ads backend to increase developer productivity. Helped build the initial iOS advertising product at Nextdoor.

Software Engineering Intern Summer 2013

Nextdoor, San Francisco, CA

- Joined the Infrastructure team and helped write the client library to a backend newsfeed content service. The new service was multi-threaded and stateless, giving us horizontal scalability that reduced server costs and allowed us to optimize our newsfeed load times, leading to a 2X speed up on our most important pages.

Managing Editor March 2012 - March 2013

CMC Forum, Claremont, CA

- Worked with Editor-in-Chief to manage a staff of 30 for a daily online publication with 30,000 pageviews a month. Managed a publishing schedule, a team of editors and the site's social media presence.

Product Management Intern Summer 2012

Atlassian, Sydney, Australia

- Shipped a JavaScript charting plugin for Confluence (wiki software) with 4 other interns. Acted as UX designer, project manager and frontend developer.

EDUCATION

Bachelors, Computer Science & Economics   2013
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA
- Senior Thesis: JavaScript and Politics: How a Toy Language Took Over the World
- Activities: Claremont Coders Club (co-founder), Washington Semester Program, 5C Hackathon (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

LANGUAGES & TECH

Very comfortable with... Objective-C, iOS SDK and APIs (versions 7-9), XCode, Python, Django
Have written production code using... Swift, JavaScript, Postgres, HTML, CSS, Apache Thrift
Some familiarity with... XCode Instruments, Java, Go, C++, Ruby, Bash

INTERESTS

Improv: I took improv classes and performed in front of live audiences in San Francisco with EndGames Improv for the past year. I'm a serious comedy fan.
Travel: I have been to many countries in the world and I'm often planning another trip!
Reading: See what books I'm reading at the moment.