# Sam Vary

## ABOUT

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**INTERESTS:**
+ Creative writing
+ Russian language
+ Filmmaking

## EDUCATION

**The Flatiron School** - New York, NY - 2016
+ Full stack web development, JavaScript, Ruby on Rails, MySQL, and Ember.js.

**University of Vermont** - Burlington, VT - 2007-2011
+ Double-major in Russian and Film.
+ 3.91 GPA upon graduation

## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

**Teckst, Inc.** - Customer service texting platform (SaaS)
+ Implemented all new texting integrations for clients using existing APIs for sites such as Zendesk, Desk.com, and HelpScout.
+ Wrote custom texting features for clients in Ruby on Rails using Twilio's API and deployed on Heroku, using Git for version control.
+ Wrote bug fixes using Ruby and diagnosed issues by reading Heroku server logs (using Papertrail).
+ Manually invoked API processes when necessary using Postman to deliver JSON payloads and more.
+ Worked extensively in the Rails and Heroku consoles to perform Postgres database maintenance, and performed cURL requests to send and retrieve data when necessary.

**SmallTalk** - An app that gives users customized advice for conversation starters at a wide variety of possible social gatherings and events.
+ Built Ruby scrapers that provided customized social advice from popular sites like Reddit and HackerNews.
+ Used AJAX to easily refresh tips and advice on every 'theme' page.
+ Full Bootstrap theme with additional custom CSS for several homepage features.
+ Incorporated Twilio to call our users with a convenient excuse if they need to 'abort' a party.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Teckst, Inc.**
New York, NY

**Support Engineer**
March 2016 - September 2016

+ Acted as an crucial bridge between clients and engineering, and conducted trainings for new clients via Skype and in person.

+ Worked closely with the main engineering team to implement custom new features using Ruby on Rails and Twilio.

**StreetEasy**
New York, NY

**Senior Product Specialist**
December 2012 - November 2014

+ Provided support for all users, from real estate agents to end-users to major advertising clients.

+ Became involved with the engineering team through product feedback and began teaching myself to code in 2013.

**ClearDigs**
New York, NY

**Head of Product**
February 2015 - October 2015

+ Co-founded a real estate startup that aimed to give New Yorkers more time to find their next apartment.

+ Managed a team of remote developers in Ukraine and oversaw every new feature that was deployed to the site.