

# Sigrid Benezra

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## Summary

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Four years of experience in software engineering, designing and developing secure web applications and distributed backend services at scale using multiple programming languages and AWS services. Served as a mentor supporting the participation and advancement of more women and underrepresented folks in tech. Extensive business management and accounting experience.

## Skills

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Typescript, React, Python, Java, Javascript, GraphQL, SQL, HTML, CSS, CDK, Distributed Systems, DevOps, Git, Jira, AWS API Gateway, Lambda, DynamoDB, S3, SQS, SNS, Cloudformation, Cloudwatch.

## Experience

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### Sabbatical

May 2023 - Current

### Amazon/AWS - Software Development Engineer

2019 - April 2023

Seattle, WA

- Prepared architectural design docs and led design review meetings with multiple teams/stakeholders.
- Collaborated with several teams to launch a new platform providing AWS sales personnel access to multiple sales applications through a single interface.
- Developed and maintained backend APIs and frontend code using Java, Javascript, Typescript, and React for a web application serving thousands of internal sales team customers daily.
- Maintained data pipelines with 37 ETL transformation jobs written in Python.
- Mentored junior developers and interns.
- Experienced with both Agile/Scrum and Kanban workflows.

### Norwest Insurance Agency - Agency Founder/Operations Manager

2008-2019

Seattle, WA

- Co-owner/manager of a personal lines insurance agency. Developed and implemented a business strategy to grow agency profit by 36% over five years.
- Designed agency management and accounting systems, including customization of Salesforce CRM software and workflows.
- Trained employees on the use of agency management software and provided IT support.
- Managed payroll, HR, and financial processes.
- Provided efficient and effective client service and communications, preparing and presenting quote proposals and policy information.
- Initiated and maintained vendor relationships.

### InsuranceMart Insurance Agency - Operations/Technical Manager

2000-2008

Anchorage, AK

- Co-owner/manager of a personal lines insurance agency with multiple locations.
- Created and maintained a cloud-based database to centralize quote information and efficiently distribute workload among multiple offices.
- Leveraged cloud database to create a system to track sales closing ratios for all agents and locations, enabling the creation of incentive programs to increase sales.
- Instituted accounting procedures and supervised and trained employees on accounting procedures and agency management systems.

## **Education**

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**Ada Developers Academy** - full-stack web development

**Excelsior College** - BA Accounting

## **Community**

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**The Foundation For Sephardic Camp** - Executive board member, Treasurer

- Oversight and management of a \$500,000 annual budget
- Financial advisor to Executive Director
- Prepare and present financial reporting at bi-monthly board meetings