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## Senior Software Engineer

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### About Me

For 10+ years I have helped multiple Fortune 500 companies and startups build software solutions acting as full-stack developer, team lead and customer advocate. I have experience leading both on-site and distributed teams, making sure delivery goes according to plan and meets customer expectations. I believe my greatest strengths are my organization and attention to detail and best practices, together with excellent communication and reporting skills.

### Skills

The technologies and frameworks I have worked most with include:

- .NET Framework and the Microsoft Web Stack (ASP.NET Core, MVC, Entity Framework, etc.)
- Cloud Platforms and Services (Microsoft Azure and Amazon Web Services)
- Web standards (HTTP, REST, HTML5, etc.)
- Javascript and Node.js
- Hybrid mobile apps (Cordova, Ionic, etc.)
- Database systems (MS SQL Server and Analysis Services, MySQL, MongoDB, etc.)
- Continuous Integration and Delivery automation (TeamCity, Selenium, PowerShell, etc.)

My experience includes:

- Team leading (make sure everyone is doing what is best for the project)
- Agile project estimation and planning
- Business analysis (understand and anticipate customer needs)
- Code reviewing
- Performance evaluation and mentoring of developers

### Experience

#### [Southworks](#)

Software consultancy firm specialized in helping companies adopt emerging technologies

Apr 2017 - Ongoing

#### Principal Software Engineer (London, UK)

Leading three teams (13 people) for developing and maintaining one of Microsoft's core marketing and documentation sites (as Microsoft contractor). Technical guidance and code reviewing. Team's workload management. 1-on-1 meetings with developers for performance evaluation and mentoring.

Managed remotely a development team (5 people) to re-engineer a US sports company's statistics system and migrate it to the cloud (Microsoft Azure). Project design and planning. Main point of contact with the customer with regular on-site meetings for progress reporting.

#### [Vinti](#)

FinTech startup - mobile app to solve everyday payments with a smart, user-friendly approach (more info in Spanish [here](#) and [here](#))

Apr 2016 - Mar 2017

#### Lead Engineer (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Joined the co-founders as first employee to build and grow the payments platform. Full-stack engineer in charge of the Cordova/Ionic mobile app with a Node.js backend hosted in Amazon Web Services. Infrastructure design, maintenance and security audits. Also worked on product design, customer support and sales.

#### [Southworks](#)

Software consultancy firm specialized in helping companies adopt emerging technologies

Jun 2007 - Apr 2016

#### Principal Software Engineer (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Member of the Delivery team, in charge of resource allocation, project forecasting and monitoring. Recruiting and performance reviews of developers. Support account managers with new opportunities (pre-sales).

- Technical lead for developing and maintaining one of Microsoft's core marketing and documentation sites using Microsoft Azure cloud services. Requirements include high availability and scalability, CDN and content caching, localization, among others. Project also included developing a documentation publishing and maintenance workflow using automated deployment infrastructure.

**Lead Software Engineer (Redmond, US)**

- 3 months on-site at Microsoft headquarters working in the [Azure Marketplace](#) engineering team. Developed a continuous testing infrastructure based on Selenium and the TeamCity API to validate partners' listings and integrations.
- Helped Microsoft internal teams deliver ~~keynote demos~~(), highlighting the very latest in technology to be presented during the [BUILD 2012](#) and [2013](#) annual conferences for developers. Provided support to presenters from the backstage.

**Technical Writer/Software Engineer (Buenos Aires, Argentina)**

- Developed technical guidance, toolkits and APIs for Microsoft Developer Experience (DX) Division to help the developer community adopt new Microsoft technologies and frameworks (e.g. hands-on labs for [Microsoft Azure Training Kit](#), [DinnerNow](#) or [OData API for Visual Studio Team Foundation Service](#)).
- Helped a top pharmaceutical company develop a company-wide identity platform, based on claims-based identity and Microsoft Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS).

Side Projects

Jan 2016 - Ongoing

[Toptal Member](#)

Premium Freelance Platform

Completed the recruiting process and joined the platform, but did not apply for any project due to lack of availability. Public profile can be viewed [here](#).

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[TiendaNube Rating Store App](#)

TiendaNube provides a complete e-commerce platform for small retailers (similar to Shopify or Magento)

Designed and developed an app that allows users to add a rating and comments widget to their store. The app can be installed through the [app store](#) for a monthly fee and is available both in Spanish and Portuguese. It is developed in Node.js (Express) and MongoDB and hosted in Amazon Web Services.

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[Publications](#)

- Technical book reviewer for Packt Publishing: [Azure Storage Essentials](#) and [Implementing Azure Solutions](#)
- Personal [blog](#) in Spanish including articles on software development and university courses (outdated)
- Sentiment analysis in microblogging: a practical implementation. M. Cohen, P. Damiani, S. Durandeu, R. Navas, H. Merlino, XVII Argentinian Congress of Computer Science, 2011 ([link](#))

Education	Software Engineer		2004 - 2011
	University of Buenos Aires - Grade +8/10		
	One year as teaching assistant in <i>Data Organization</i> class. Some topics covered by the subject included data organization structures and algorithms (B-trees, Hashes, etc.), text retrieval engines and data compression.		

Languages	<b>English</b>	Bilingual - Certificate in Advanced English ( <a href="#">CAE</a> )
	<b>French</b>	Basic - Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française B1 ( <a href="#">DELF</a> )
	<b>Spanish</b>	Native

More	Three books I have read lately: <a href="#">The Manager's Path</a> by Camille Fournier, <a href="#">Shantaram</a> by Gregory David Roberts, and <a href="#">Sapiens</a> by Yuval Noah Harari
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