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Profile

University of Chicago, Class of 2017 (triple major in Economics, Computer Science, and Mathematics). National Merit Scholar. Inducted into Signifer, the Scarsdale, NY Senior High School academic honor society, and Tri-M, national music honor society. Developer with significant Ruby/Rails and Objective-C/Cocoa/Cocoa Touch experience.

Work Experience

Slader (slader.com) — New York, NY
Lead iOS Developer — *February 2013 – March 2014*

- Took over codebase from foreign contractor
- Added ads and in-app-purchases to increase profit from mobile users
- Customized mobile experience, increasing customer satisfaction
- Released two new major versions with over 75,000 monthly active users

Codecademy (codecademy.com) — New York, NY
Lead Mobile Engineer — *July 2013 – September 2013*

- Prototyped new entries into the mobile space
- Led a beta test of a new product category
- Explored moving existing products onto mobile platforms

Continental-Aero, Inc. — Lyndhurst, NJ
IT & Administrative Support — *2004 – 2012*

- Provided email server, website and PC maintenance support to users in NJ and IL
- Developed financial models for sales, inventory and banking
- Drafted communications for COO with overseas suppliers
- Created custom reports to streamline business decisions
- Helped develop locknutkits.com website (still in beta)

Education

University of Chicago — Chicago, IL
The College, B.S., Computer Science, B.S., Mathematics, B.A., Economics — *2013 – Present*
Recipient of the 2014 Jane Morton and Henry C. Murphy Award for student leadership

Scarsdale High School — Scarsdale, NY
Honors Student — *2009 – 2013*

Extracurricular Activities/Hobbies

- Musician (trumpet, bass, and guitar). Flugelhorn player for the University of Chicago Brass Choir. Performed on trumpet with Scarsdale HS Jazz Band in Lincoln Center 2010, 2012 and with Scarsdale HS Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall, March 2012
- Master Electrician and Lighting Designer with University of Chicago's University Theater, Scarsdale High School Stage Crew. Teched multiple shows, operating light board, assisting in lighting design, and directing spot operators
- Avid reader with wide-range of interests, including military history, statistics and baseball
- Open-source software contributions, found at github.com/segiddins
- Core team member on RestKit and CocoaPods
- Well-traveled in U.S. and abroad (Europe, North America, Middle East)

Core Technical Skills

Languages: Objective-C, Ruby, C, JS, Python, LaTeX
Open Source Contributions: RestKit, CocoaPods, RKValueTransformers, UI7Kit, inputtoolbar, BlocksKit