

# Samuel E. Giddins

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## Profile

University of Chicago, Class of 2017 (dual major in Economics and Computer Science). 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.

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## Work Experience

### Slader (slader.com)

Lead iOS Developer

New York, NY

February 2013 – Present

- 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)

Lead Mobile Engineer

New York, NY

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.

IT & Administrative Support

Lyndhurst, NJ

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)
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## Education

### University of Chicago

The College, B.S., Computer Science, B.A., Economics

Chicago, IL

2013 – Present

### Scarsdale High School

Honors Student

Scarsdale, NY

2009 – 2013

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## 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. Lighting Manager for the 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](https://github.com/segiddins)
  - Work with students on innovative projects, including [uchicagoevents.com](http://uchicagoevents.com)
  - Well-traveled in U.S. and abroad (Europe, North America, Middle East)
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## Core Technical Skills

**Languages:** Objective-C, Ruby, C, JS, Python,  $\LaTeX$

**Open Source Contributions:** RestKit, RKValueTransformers, UI7Kit, inputtoolbar, BlocksKit