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Passionate about programming!

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{ My goal is to find a challenging career that I can utilize my vast skills and abilities I have acquired and apply them in a friendly team oriented setting. }

Why I'm amazing:

I've been programming since I was 8 years old and have seen the progression of development over a really interesting cross section of time. This has given me a unique perspective to add to my considerable knowledge and skills. While I'm most well versed in Java, my foundation in programming lends itself well for me to easily pick up a myriad of other languages.

Completed a Ragnar Relay and Tough Mudder

I love challenges:

Whether it's in my personal or my professional life, I love taking on a challenge. My programming career started when I was 19 and got a job with Amazon. At this point in my career I really want to find a place where I can grow from the ground up. I find that I am starting to move back into the startup mentality.

Bald by choice

While I love where I am and the companies I have been with, there is a freedom and flexibility that startups offer, especially when you enter into them early on. In addition to that, I feel as though what Project 100 is trying to accomplish is a truly extraordinary thing and presents a complex but exciting problem that I want to help find the solution to.

Civic tech activist

Some bullet points:

* Started to program when I was 8 and still awesome at it.

* I can rock out Perl, Java, JS, Sql and I'm bald

* I downhill skateboard and am currently training for my first triathalon.

* I feel as though I specialize in creating useful internal tools.

* I'm a team player. I like working with a team and being social and active with them instead of being my own island.

* I took a Python course with my 10 year old. Totally out programmed all the kids there.

* Proud to be a Brigade Captain for the Code for Vegas brigade affiliated with Code for America.

Knows that Han shot first

Been around the block:

I have a tendency to stick around places that I love. My most recent work is listed here, but I have experience in private and government sectors

2010 to Present – Zappos:

When I came to Zappos I joined up as a Perl developer and since then I've transitioned into a Java developer. I currently lead a team who is developing the tools that our customer service team will utilize to improve upon our customer experience. I am extremely passionate about creating functionality for our internal customers. I've worked across teams and departments to help this goal.

Professional wins at Zappos:

Created a customer service tool using Lean Principals. This was a great success with our Customer Loyalty Team.

Designed and implemented a system to charge orders separately that had been split for shipping.

Participated in a company wide, multi-billion dollar warehouse management implementation plan.

Found a solution for a gift card issue that had the potential to cost Zappos millions in sales.

Mentored students and developed curriculum for a a cutting edge, internal Java Bootcamp to take them from customer service to developers.

I'm a down to earth person who generally loves what I do. I'd love the chance to chat with you.