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— Reading this resume with context —

I like to cut through noise and get straight to the point. I've attempted to design this resume to be as concise and clear as possible, while also allowing me to take liberties in ways a traditional resume might not. I also really like plain text.

— Summary —

30-year-old generalist with experience as a founding engineer, in sales, and doing hands on technical work. Continuous learner with a determined mindset. Husband and dad of 2 kids.

nerd; innovator; reader; writer; learner; gamer; independent thinker; doer; risk-taker; figure-outer; dot-connector

— Books that have shaped me —

This is the most important section of this document. This isn't an exhaustive list, just the highlights from the past few years.

From..

.. 'Shoe Dog' I learned	.. that reading can be exciting,
.. 'Verbal Judo'	.. speaking with respect,
.. 'The Daily Stoic'	.. virtues, especially honesty,
.. 'Zero to One'	.. that I'm an inventor at heart,
.. 'How to Create a Mind'	.. that the brain can be understood,
.. 'The One Thing'	.. the power of focus,
.. 'Hackers and Painters'	.. the power of independent thought,
.. 'Range'	.. the power of variety,
.. 'The Art of War'	.. strategy,
.. 'Meditations'	.. acceptance & peace.

— Skills/Languages/Frameworks —

I'm stack agnostic, and enjoy learning new languages and tools. Here are some things I've used in the past, or still use:

- Professional experience: Go, TypeScript, React, AWS, MongoDB, Docker, GitHub
- Personal projects: Go, HTMX, Alpine, Fly.io, Docker
- Familiarity with Python, Rust, and Lisp, Node/Deno
- LLMs for thinking assistance, learning & exploration

— Experience —

→ Independent Developer
Apr 2023 - Present (2 years)

Self-funded exploration into agentic AI and personal projects

- Had my daughter, Summer
- Built custom blog to learn Elixir, Phoenix & LiveView
- Tinkered with personal Lisp dialect
- Created Counter-Strike server browser (findservers.net)
- Refined personal LLM workflow for coding, creative work & learning

→ Founding Software Engineer, SheetRocks
Apr 2021 - Apr 2023 (2 years)

First hire at seed-stage SaaS startup

- Had my son, Sam III
- Owned key feature development (sorting algorithm, Python macros, formula ranges, cross-sheet references)
- Optimized React performance for smooth front end experience (selective rendering, scrolling through large spreadsheets)
- Fixed critical calculation and data integrity issues (pointer bugs, multithreading, cell reference logic)
- Maintained test suite and CI/CD pipeline
- On-call support for production incidents

Stack: Go, React, TypeScript, Python, Jest, Docker, AWS, GitHub

→ Independent Developer
Oct 2020 - Apr 2021 (0.5 years)

Becoming a self-taught developer

- Built personal site (Go, vanilla JS)
- Created web scraper with custom instruction language
- Developed Discord bot for financial data processing

→ Wire Tech & Sales Consultant, AT&T
Apr 2017 - Oct 2020 (3.5 years)

- Installed/repaired internet, TV, and phone services
- Transitioned to sales roles (outside and in-store)
- Learned how to communicate with empathy & perform under pressure

→ Sales Associate, Best Buy
Mar 2012 - Apr 2017 (5 years)

- Got married in January of 2017
- Sold under many different departments including computing, digital imaging, and mobile.

→ Sales Associate, Bed Bath & Beyond
Mar 2011 - Mar 2012 (1 year)

- First job when I was 16. My neighbor was the store manager. Started the month I got my driver's license.