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Full-stack Ruby on Rails developer

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Hello! I'm Philip, and I began developing for the web at a startup in NYC in 2007. Fast-forward ten years and here I am in Portland with a decade of experience working on large apps using the best and most popular technologies.

I started as an analyst at Brightidea when I was 25. At that time, I was transitioning away from mathematics and education. I taught myself Ruby on Rails and was hired a year later at readMedia as their first full-time developer. We grew the company and turned it into what Merit is today.

It was a startup environment, and I didn't just develop in Ruby — I did everything: DB & server administration and deployment, cloud scaling and automation, security, and project management. My passion has always been to build great products with great technologies.

💼 Employment history

Ruby on Rails engineer at Merit, New York, NY
February 2014 – March 2016

Merit showcases student achievements at hundreds of colleges and universities. Meritpages.com is the largest Rails app I've ever worked on, comprising eight Rails apps deployed in a services architecture on an AWS Ubuntu Linux cluster.

Ruby on Rails consultant at Go Green Ride, Bayonne, NJ
March 2013 – March 2014

Go Green Ride is an eco-friendly ridesharing alternative to Uber. GoGreenRide.com and its accompanying iOS and Android apps use a Rails backend that heavily utilizes geolocation services and is deployed on Rackspace using Phusion Passenger.

Ruby on Rails engineer at readabout.me, New York, NY
December 2012 – February 2014

readabout.me was the predecessor to Merit, focusing primarily on students. The Rails app was deployed on Heroku initially, but with its success we quickly outgrew Heroku and switched to AWS.

Ruby on Rails web developer at readMedia, New York, NY
October 2008 – December 2012

readMedia sends press releases to newspapers via mail merge for its clients all over the country. I upgraded the readMedia.com Rails 2 app to Rails 3, helped move it onto AWS, and was one of three developers working full-time on the app for many years.

📊 Skills

Ruby on Rails

HTML/CSS/JS

MySQL

git

Amazon AWS

Vagrant

Linux

OAuth API Integration

Photoshop

Docker

Chef

❤ Hobbies

Mediterranean food
Chess
Sailing
Guitar
My dog Toast!

Analyst at Brightidea, New York, NY

February 2007 – July 2008

Brightidea provides innovation management software-as-a-service. As one of their early employees, I helped with sales, onboarding, consulting, traveling, and running their software.

Math Teacher at NYC Department of Education, New York, NY

September 2006 – June 2007

After getting my Master's degree, I taught 6–8th grade math at the Shuang Wen School (P.S. 184) in Chinatown.

Education

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2001 – 2005

I have two publications: "Reflections in a Euclidean Space," and "Exploration of Reflection Holograms and Their Fringes With a Scanning Electron Microscope."

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Math Education, New York University, New York, NY

2005 – 2006

I attended NYU through Math for America where I took my theoretical knowledge of mathematics and added practical knowledge of teaching.

References

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