


# Tyler Lawson

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## Education

**Michigan State University - East Lansing, MI**

**Sept 2016 - May 2020**

*B.S. in Computer Science*

*Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation*

## Professional Experience

**Software Engineer II at Author by Humana - Boston, MA**

**May 2020 - Current**

- Joined in May and helped launch two websites for the start of 2021 and our first insurance plan year. See our public-facing site at [authorbyhumana.com](https://authorbyhumana.com)
- Our websites use React with Typescript with a shared components library. One site uses [Gatsby](#), the React static site generator. The other uses React using create-react-app.
- Our tests use Jest with React testing library. We test every component and page that we develop and run them automatically with each new MR.
- Help build and maintain a .NET/C# API for consuming member insurance information.
- I mentor teammates with our frontend technologies and have been responsible for a significant share of inter-team communications (design, testing, business).
- I have been the primary developer responsible for mentoring our automation engineer with automating testing, deployments, and pipeline notifications.

**Software Development Intern at Humana - Louisville, KY**

**May 2019 - May 2020**

- Developed Python Flask API for a project management dashboard.
- Worked with Azure pipelines and GCP app engine for my team's CI/CD.
- Worked on a second project, which was a dashboard that used Vue and .NET Core.

**Software Development Intern at 2Is inc. - Walpole, MA**

**May 2018 - August 2019**

- Used Test Driven Development technique to develop an SAP Interface with Northrop Grumman. Worked overtime to complete this project at the end of the summer.
- Wrote back-end code using Common Lisp.
- Refactored legacy code and created new unit tests in Common Lisp.
- Researched and demo'd new web frameworks for the web team.
- Made installers using Inno Setup and Pascal.

**Front End Development Intern at Getfused - Boston, MA**

**May 2017 - Aug 2017**

- Before Getfused, my web experience consisted of using a GoDaddy website builder one time. I learned how to build sites using simple CSS/HTML and then found a new interest in static site generators, like [Hugo](#) and [Jekyll](#).
- Learned the importance of caring for CSS and reusable components before anything else in web development.
- Built sites for Wynn Casino and other small local businesses.
- Took mockups from Photoshop files and translated the designs into responsive CSS/HTML.

## Technical Skills

- Proficient with React, Typescript/JS, Bash/Unix ([and Fish Shell!](#)), Python, Node (responsible for all team upgrades and scripting), SCSS/CSS, and Hugo.
- Good with CI/CD (Github Actions and Gitlab CI/CD), Webpack, Gulp, Java, Common Lisp, and C++.
- Coursework in Algorithm Engineering, Database Systems, Software Design, Operating Systems, Mobile App Development, Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer Organization and architecture, and Discrete Structures.

## Work With Static Site Generators

- I have done most of my side projects over the past 4 years with static site generators.
- I have made 3 Hugo themes and 7 sites using Hugo. [See this resume as a theme here!](#). You can also view this resume as a webpage [here](#). You can see my portfolio, where I showcase most of the sites I have made [here](#).
- I started with using Jekyll to make [my friend's first blog](#).
- The next framework I tried was a lightweight framework from Mozilla called [Nunjucks](#). I used this to make [my mother's small business site](#).

## Senior Capstone Project

- Our team won the [Urban Science Sigma Award](#) for having the best Capstone experience.
- I was the team lead, coordinating with our sponsors in Chicago and Johannesburg, South Africa.
- As the lone developer on the team with web experience, my responsibilities included creating a Python Flask API and a Vue dashboard for our Elephant tracking and recognition system.
- Our application supported video image processing and GPS coordinate predictions so that the rangers in South Africa can track their elephants without obstructive or expensive equipment.
- See our [team page here](#) and our [project video here](#).

## Side Projects

- I made a python script for re-naming and re-dating image files for family photos. They are now all on Google Photos for my Mom, Grandma, and myself to view at any time!
- A friend of mine who is a patent lawyer needs to screenshot every single page of a website for legal reasons. After hearing that he did this manually, I wrote a python script for him to automate the process.
- I wrote a personal repository to store my favorite configurations/dotfiles [here](#). My gitconfig is my pride and joy.
- I wrote a medium article/tutorial about my favorite tech stack for small static sites: [click here to see the article](#)

## Hobbies

- I have a 10 month old portuguese water dog named Gus, so he and I have fun walking while I am taking a break from work. You can see a picture of him [here](#) (pro tip: there is a different picture shown as the background for the mobile sized breakpoint).
- Growing up, I was unable to ever experience fresh bakery goods due to the potential cross contamination with nuts. After trying fresh baked bread from a friend's dutch oven in the winter of 2019, bread baking and pizza making has become a new hobby and passion for me.
- I have skied since I was 3 years old. It's nice when the east coast weather graces us with snow on top of the perpetual ice.