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Top Skills

Django
JavaScript
Python

Simon Willison

Founder of the Datasette open source project
San Francisco, California, United States

Summary

Simon is an experienced developer, speaker, writer and all-round web technology enthusiast, specialising in Python, Django, modern JavaScript and rapid web application development.

Specialties: Python, Django, JavaScript, web standards, server-side development, crowdsourcing

Experience

Datasette

Open Source Developer

November 2017 - Present (8 years 2 months)

Datasette is an open source multi-tool for exploring and publishing data - <https://datasette.io/>

Simon Willison's Weblog

Blogger

June 2002 - Present (23 years 7 months)

Writing about web technology at <https://simonwillison.net/>

John S. Knight Journalism Fellowships at Stanford

JSK Fellow

September 2019 - July 2020 (11 months)

Stanford, California, United States

Journalism fellowship at Stanford, building an open source ecosystem of tools for data journalism

Eventbrite

Director of Architecture

August 2013 - July 2019 (6 years)

Engineering manager and R&D engineer focused on scaling Eventbrite, developing APIs for use by external partners, internal developer tools, event search and discovery features and many other areas of the Eventbrite platform.

Lanyrd

Co-founder and CEO

August 2010 - August 2013 (3 years 1 month)

Co-founded a startup focused on helping people find the best professional events to attend and build a profile of their conference attendance and speaking activity.

Guardian News and Media

Technical Architect

October 2008 - July 2010 (1 year 10 months)

Online community software, data journalism projects (including MPs expenses crowdsourcing applications) and the Guardian Open Platform APIs.

GCap Media

Consultant

December 2007 - September 2008 (10 months)

Worked on building a new Django-powered web development infrastructure and helped assemble a team of developers. Together we built a new CMS for radio websites and used it to relaunch www.capitalradio.co.uk

Self employed

Freelance / Consultant

January 2007 - September 2008 (1 year 9 months)

Clients included the BBC, WordPress.com and a major project with GCap Media Plc.

Yahoo!

Technologist

September 2005 - January 2007 (1 year 5 months)

R&D team based in London.

Web Standards Project

Member

November 2003 - 2007 (4 years)

SitePoint

Columnist

November 2003 - June 2005 (1 year 8 months)

I wrote articles for www.sitepoint.com about client side web technologies.

The World Company

Web Developer

October 2003 - October 2004 (1 year 1 month)

I worked mostly with Python and PostgreSQL creating tools to assist with the publication of our three principle websites: www.ljworld.com, www.lawrence.com and www.kusports.com.

The framework we developed here was later released as the open source Django project.

Incutio Ltd

Web Developer (Part Time)

July 2001 - August 2003 (2 years 2 months)

Working part time during University term time and full time during holidays, I developed both open-source and commercial projects using PHP and MySQL.

Gameplay Plc.

Web Editor

January 2000 - June 2001 (1 year 6 months)

As Downloads Editor, created and managed File Monster, a large games related file downloads site. Helped manage a community of over 20,000 online gamers. Produced content for the Wireplay website and weekly newsletter.

Education

University of Bath

BSc, Computer Science · (September 2001 - July 2005)