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Professional Profile

Self taught software engineer with 5+ years of experience delivering scalable web applications in fast paced startup environments. Skilled in Ruby on Rails, React.js, and Hotwire, with a proven ability to build high quality, maintainable code across the full product lifecycle. Experienced in collaborating with cross functional and international teams to deliver impactful features on time. Combines technical expertise with strong business insight from a background in client management and performance strategy, adding unique value beyond engineering.

Core Competencies

- ❖ Full Stack Software Engineering
 - ❖ Quality Assurance & Test Automation (TDD/BDD)
 - ❖ Cross Functional & International Team Collaboration
 - ❖ Stakeholder Communication
 - ❖ Agile & Product Lifecycle Management
 - ❖ Mentoring & Team Leadership
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Technical Skills

Languages	Frameworks	Front End	Databases	Tools & Platforms
Ruby, JavaScript	Rails, React.js	Hotwire, Turbo Frames & Streams, Tailwind CSS, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap	PostgreSQL, AWS S3, DynamoDB	Git/GitHub, Heroku, RSpec, SEO Fundamentals

Key Achievements

- ❖ Rapidly progressed from learning to code in 2017 to creating full stack web applications in Ruby on Rails.
- ❖ Solo developed a dynamic form for Boilerjuice engineers, syncing submissions with company dashboards and AWS DynamoDB, improving operational efficiency.
- ❖ Built a bespoke SaaS platform (Mercantiworld) incorporating Stripe & Braintree for payments, AWS S3 for storage, and Hotwire for front-end interactions.
- ❖ Contributed to Scan.com's US B2B platform, developing portals for Admins, Referring Providers, and Attorneys, improving nationwide scheduling operations.

Professional Experience

Founder | Mercantiworld (mercantiworld.com)

June 2025 -

- ❖ Founded a new software company and led the end-to-end creation of a bespoke e-commerce MVP, built using Ruby on Rails, Hotwire, and PostgreSQL.
- ❖ Designed and engineered a flexible architecture enabling custom workflows, bespoke storefronts, and scalable hosting on Heroku/AWS.
- ❖ Managed all product development, including UX design, payment integrations (Stripe & Braintree), infrastructure setup, security, and documentation from concept to launch.

Software Engineer | Scan.com (US Engineering Team)

Nov 2022 – Jul 2025

- ❖ Delivered features across portals for Admins, Providers, and Attorneys using Ruby on Rails, React, Turbo, and Stimulus.
- ❖ Collaborated on a new Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) assessment tool, streamlining clinical workflows.
- ❖ Worked closely with US product and engineering teams across multiple time zones, ensuring timely delivery of high quality features.

Full Stack Ruby on Rails Developer | Boilerjuice

Jul 2021 – Nov 2022

- ❖ Developed dynamic forms used by onsite engineers, integrating PostgreSQL, APIs, and AWS DynamoDB for realtime dashboard updates.
- ❖ Conducted system testing using RSpec and supported Customer Service Help Desk with technical issues.

Ruby on Rails Developer | King and McGaw

Feb 2021 – Jul 2021 (Fixed Term Contract)

- ❖ Improved SEO using Google Tag Manager.
- ❖ Developed and maintained the main retail site using Rails, Vue.js, and Tailwind CSS.

Business Systems Developer | Hostelling International

Jun 2019 – Nov 2020

- ❖ Migrated legacy platform to Rails 5.2 and improved front-end views for a better user experience.
- ❖ Updated website using Ruby, HTML, CSS (Bootstrap), and JavaScript to align with brand guidelines.

Freelance Developer | Various Roles

Nov 2018 – May 2019

- ❖ Developed company websites including CDC Global, integrating design and functional features.

Career Change – Software Development (Self Taught)

Mar 2017 – Oct 2018

- ❖ Developed foundational skills in Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Bootstrap, Git, and Heroku through online courses and projects.

Previous Business & Management Roles (Condensed)

- ❖ Vaccines Business Development Manager | GlaxoSmithKline (2004 – 2016): Led digital initiatives, built online ordering platforms, and mentored teams in strategy execution.
 - ❖ NHS Partnership Manager | Aymes International (2016 – 2017): Facilitated market access for health products across multiple CCGs.
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Education

- ❖ Diploma in Sales Management – Damelin College, South Africa
- ❖ Secondary School – Damelin College, South Africa