

# Varun Villait

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## Summary

Experienced corporate startup executive with a background in Product, Development, Design, IT and Operations seeking a role in Product Management, IT, Engineering or Operations

## Experience

### **Chairman of the Board**, Industry Careers, Inc

March 2019 to Present

- Oversee company strategy and ensure growth trajectories are kept on track
- Vote on company initiatives
- Consult on technical decisions and provide support when necessary

### **Founder**, Rebl, Inc

March 2019 to December 2019

- Raised \$1.2MM in funding
- Built out waiting list platform and ran campaigns to grow to 10,000 people
- Tech Stack
  - MERN Stack
  - Third Party Integrations including KYC/AML and Bank Transactional Data
  - SOC and PCI Compliant

### **CEO (Promoted from CPO/CTO)**, Industry Careers, Inc

May 2015 to March 2019

- Raised \$2.3MM in funding
- Ran day-to-day engineering, product, design, marketing and, technology operations
- Tech Stack
  - MERN Stack with Microservice Architecture
  - React Native Mobile Apps
  - Hosted on Heroku and AWS

### **Product Manager**, Playboy Enterprises, Inc

December 2014 to March 2016

- Managed ecosystem of products including Mobile, Web and Android
- Architected the infrastructure of the mobile and OTT platforms
- Portfolio includes Playboy NOW, which was Playboy's first Safe for Work app
- Implemented advertising into our products to drive the first revenue dollars for Playboy's digital presence

### **Senior Full Stack/Mobile Engineer**, Playboy Enterprises, Inc

December 2014 to May 2015

- Developed mobile apps that support the business at Playboy.
- Built on native iOS (swift) and Android (Java)
- Built APIs on Ruby

### **Consulting Director of IT**, ConferenceDirect

June 2014 to February 2015

- Acted as IT Lead for ConferenceDirect as it was searching for a replacement for its CIO
- Rebuilt legacy database and CRM by utilizing near shoring firm

- Worked directly with COO and Head of Accounting to make sure all business requirements were met for new implementations.
- Helped support day-to-day technology needs for in house and remote teams.

**Director of IT**, Playboy Enterprises, Inc

October 2013 to December 2014

- Lead and maintained technology for corporate offices in Beverly Hills and remote teams including desktop support team and system admin team.
- Lead implementation of \$1.5MM SharePoint project across the company to support every department including publishing, technology, legal, HR and finance.
- Maintained on site servers and colocations in Chicago, New York and Las Vegas to ensure zero downtime and low latency of operations.

**System Administrator**, Playboy Enterprises, Inc

July 2012 to October 2013

- Upgrade, Manage and Build Exchange, Active Directory, WSUS, Metalogix, SQL, K4, Font Management, Cisco VOIP, Data Storage (NAS and SAN), Citrix, Network Monitoring, Norton Cloud Security and VMWare Environments.
- Plan and deploy software to end-users.
- Perform preventative maintenance on servers to encourage high performance and reliability.
- Perform Tier 2 and above troubleshooting and manage help desk ticketing.
- Perform litigation holds and securely deliver data to outside counsel

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**System Administrator**, Xplain Corporation

January 2012 to July 2012

- Under the direct supervision of the CEO, job duties included:
  - Web Development
  - Database maintenance and Creation via Filemaker Pro
  - Server Maintenance
  - Complete IT Support/Helpdesk
  - Researching Solutions to support infrastructure (Backup Plans, Server Hardware and Software, CMS for internal and external sites)
  - Rumpus FTP Setup/Maintenance
  - Directory Building and Admin

- PHP Development for Click Tracking Solutions
- Automatic PDF Watermarker with MYSQL Integration

## Education

**Backend Web Development Immersive**, General Assembly

**Bachelor of Science in Computer/Electrical Engineering**, University of Connecticut