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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Bright and friendly mid-career professional with broad business administration knowledge and a knack for working with mixed teams. I am returning to the workforce. I want to blend my passions for numbers, patterns and programming in the next phase of my career.

[Cottage Inn Pizza](#) Grand Rapids, MI

Assistant Manager Dec 2024 - Current

- Training for management responsibilities in my second-favorite team- and customer-service-oriented business.

[Verisign](#) Reston, VA

Software Engineer III Mar 2013 - Sep 2014

- Accountable to a multidisciplinary team comprising front and back end developers, software engineering manager, UI designer, and product manager
- Recognized by management for reducing pain points in development process
- Encouraged the implementation of simple, pretty and easy-to-use UI elements
- JavaScript (react) and Java (jaserver faces) programming in mdns.verisign.com

[Ecomware, Inc.](#) Detroit, MI

Web Developer, Small Business Owner May 2009 - Dec 2013

- Freelance web development for a variety of customers including GE.com (WebGL)

[Digitas](#) Detroit, MI

Principal Software Engineer Mar 2011 - Jun 2011

- "Promoted" (hired) into my dream job from my position at Compuware in recognition of my performance as SME

[Compuware](#) Detroit, MI

Senior Software Engineer, UI Team Lead May 2009 - Mar 2011

- Supervised a multidisciplinary UI/UX team with customer-facing responsibilities in the delivery of OnStar.com
- Collaborated daily with developers and analysts from Digitas, marketing leads from GM, and other external technology partners to achieve challenging project milestones
- JavaScript (jquery) and Java programming (liferay) in OnStar.com and other automotive domains

[Organic](#) Detroit, MI

Web User Interface Engineer (Contract) Jul 2008 - May 2009

- Collaborated daily with developers, product managers and account managers, and other external technology partners to achieve project milestones
- JavaScript (mootools, jquery) and PHP programming in Chrysler.com, Dodge.com and Jeep.com

EDUCATION

2025	Project Management Certificate at Grand Valley State University
2024	Introduction to Data Science with Python at HarvardX (edX)
2023	Introduction to Programming with Python at HarvardX (edX) Coaches Advancement Program at Michigan High School Athletic Association
2018	Calculus, C++, Sociology, Statistics at Kellogg Community College, Western Michigan University
2014	Ground Training Completion Certificate at Cessna Pilot Center
2003	Michigan Real Estate Salesperson License Club Coach Certificate at United States Cycling Federation
1998	Algebra, Management, Psychology, Intro to Computer Sci at Schoolcraft College, Madonna University

MORE ABOUT ME

Learning	On intelligence and employee aptitude tests, which I love, I typically score among high performers. I'm autodidactic and love to learn, which I attribute to this trait. I taught myself software engineering (web), business administration and essential mathematics using borrowed textbooks. I'm a generalist who believes it's possible to know a little bit of everything and a little more than yesterday.
Fitness	I have 30 years of fitness experience that includes cycling, marathons and an Olympic distance triathlon, as well as common achievements in strength training.

HUMAN SKILLS—[Plum.io \(Aptitude\)](#)

- Leadership and coaching knowledge developed in athletics, business, and the United States Marine Corps
- Strong desire to understand people and apply insights; Interest in behavioral, cognitive, and social sciences
- Communication skills that encourage openness, clarity, reasonableness, coherence, and action

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SKILLS

- Sales and project management experience
- Courses in accounting, finance, marketing, and law

TECHNICAL SKILLS—[HackerRank \(Problem-solving and algorithms\)](#)

- Excel, SQL
- [GitHub](#), JIRA
- Python, JavaScript, Perl, Bash (Unix shell), PHP, and Java