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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Versatile leader and lifelong learner with a track record in tech and a decade of growth beyond it. I advanced from associate web developer to associate director (Principal Software Engineer) in just four years, before joining the illustrious team at Verisign. I've led teams, built software, and, over the last 10 years, deepened my expertise in leadership, business, and human behavior. Energized, adaptable, and driven to contribute—whether leading, solving, or learning something entirely new. [See References](#)

Career Break Grand Rapids, MI

Independent Growth and Exploration Mar 2015 - Present

- Earned a PMI-compatible Project Management Certificate from Grand Valley State University in 2025, deepening expertise in project planning, execution, and leadership.
- Committed to a decade of self-directed learning across a range of disciplines, including mastery, performance, learning and personal growth.
- Read extensively from college-level textbooks—especially in marketing and business—fostering critical thinking, strategic awareness, and knowledge synthesis.
- Completed formal college coursework in statistics, calculus, sociology, and C++, reinforcing analytical reasoning, mathematical fluency, and systems thinking.
- Took a course in Python (Harvard University/edX), earned a problem-solving certificate at HackerRank, and completed the official React tutorial—building technical fluency, adaptability, and problem-solving skills.
- Learned to play guitar and sing—developing creativity, discipline, and a growth mindset through consistent practice.
- Trained for and completed a full triathlon, demonstrating long-term discipline, goal-setting, and resilience.
- Took private pilot lessons, sharpening situational awareness, focus under pressure, and decision-making in dynamic environments.

Verisign Reston, VA

Software Engineer III Mar 2013 - Sep 2014

- Collaborated with a cross-functional team including front/back-end developers, product manager, UI designer, and QA to implement UI designs.
- Recognized for reducing pain points in the development process.
- UI development with JavaScript (React, jQuery, DataTables.js) and Java (JavaServer Faces) in mdns.verisign.com.

Digitas Detroit, MI

Principal Software Engineer Mar 2011 - Jun 2011

- Recognized and promoted for technical expertise and client interaction at Compuware
- Collaborated with marketing and analytics teams to drive results
- Engagement ended due to a non-compete conflict with a prior role

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
- Mentored junior developers, Conducted Interviews

- Collaborated daily with developers and analysts from Digitas, marketing leads from GM, and other external technology partners to achieve challenging project milestones
- UI development with JavaScript (jquery) and Java (liferay) in OnStar.com and other automotive domains

Organic Bloomfield Hills, MI

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

- Collaborated daily with developers, product managers and account managers to achieve project milestones on time
- Chosen to develop the prominent vehicle selector widget, a coveted portfolio opportunity
- UI development with JavaScript (mootools, jquery, google maps api) and PHP in Chrysler.com, Dodge.com and Jeep.com

HealthMedia, Inc Ann Arbor, MI

Associate Web Developer Apr 2007 - Apr 2008

- UI development with JavaScript in HealthMedia.com
- UI development with JavaScript and Java in HealthMedia web-based products

WHO I AM—[Plum.io](#) (Aptitude and skills evaluation)

- Clear Communicator: Skilled at fostering openness and clarity in communication, ensuring that all parties—technical or non-technical—are aligned and engaged.
- Relationship Builder: Adept at developing strong cross-functional team relationships through transparent and effective communication.
- Leader & Coach: Leadership and coaching experience drawn from athletics, business, and the U.S. Marine Corps, with a focus on motivating teams and individuals toward success.
- Analytical Thinker: Above-average analytical and pattern recognition skills, driving insight into complex situations.
- Problem Solver: Enthusiastic about tackling challenges, with a strong focus on creative and actionable solutions.
- Self-Starter with Action Bias: Proactively identifies needs and takes initiative, ensuring progress in high-stakes environments.
- Customer-Centered: I empathize with my customers and prioritize removing their pain points to improve their experience.

TECHNICAL SKILLS—[HackerRank](#) (Problem-solving certifications)

- Excel (Statistics), SQL (MySQL)
- [GitHub](#), JIRA ([Agile](#) Development, Scrum), Microsoft Project
- Bash (Unix shell), CSS, JavaScript ES6, Java 6, [Python 3](#), Perl 5, PHP, C++, and XML (HTML5)
- Growing experience with Node.js 22 and TypeScript 5.8, and AI-assisted coding

MORE ABOUT ME

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| Learning | I'm autodidactic; I'm an avid reader and I read to learn. I taught myself business administration with marketing, software engineering, and essential mathematics using regular textbooks—I just didn't complete a degree. I do have a year's worth of college credits in management, psychology, etc. |
| Fitness | I have over 20 years of fitness experience that includes cycling, marathons, an Olympic distance triathlon and common achievements in strength training. |