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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Builder, collaborator, and lifelong learner with a knack for making the complex simple. I spent 10 years leading and creating in tech, then took a 10-year break to grow in new directions—studying leadership, project management, and how people think, work, and grow. Now I'm back, sharper than ever, with the energy to contribute, lead, or learn something completely new. Big on clarity, fast on the uptake, and always people-first. [See References](#)

Career Break Grand Rapids, MI

Independent Learning Mar 2015 - Present

- My time off has been filled with self-improvement activities, volunteering, and personal projects.
- 2025: Project Management Certificate at Grand Valley State University
- 2025: React Tutorial: <https://react.dev/learn/>
- 2023: Introduction to Programming with Python at HarvardX (edX)
- 2023: Coaches Advancement Program at Michigan High School Athletic Association
- 2020: Music Theory for Guitar and Singing, Hal Leonard
- 2019: Triathlon
- 2017: Calculus, Statistics, Sociology, C++ at Kellogg Community College
- 2015: Private Pilot Ground School at Cessna Pilot Center

Verisign Reston, VA

Software Engineer III Mar 2013 - Sep 2014

- Collaborated within a multidisciplinary team comprising front and back end developers, software engineering manager, UI design, product management, and QA.
- Recognized by manager for reducing pain points in development process
- UI development with JavaScript (react, jquery, datatables.js, primefaces) and Java (javaserver faces) in mdns.verisign.com

Freelance Seattle, WA

Front End Web Developer Oct 2012 - Dec 2012

- UI development in BookmarkChess.com (jasmine, jsdoc)
- UI development in GE.com (webgl, three.js)

Digitas Detroit, MI

Principal Software Engineer Mar 2011 - Jun 2011

- "Promoted" into my dream job in recognition of my performance as SME at Compuware
- Experience working with marketing and analytics teams

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

- Communication skills that encourage openness, clarity, reasonableness, coherence, and action
- Effective at developing strong relationships with cross-functional teams through clear communication.
- Skilled in communicating technical information to both technical and non-technical audiences.
- Leadership and coaching knowledge developed in athletics, business, and the United States Marine Corps
- Strong desire to understand people; Interest in behavioral, cognitive, and social sciences
- Above average analytical and pattern recognition skills
- Strong problem-solving mindset with enthusiasm for tackling complex challenges
- Self-starter with bias toward action
- I empathize with my customer and strive to remove their pain points.

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
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MORE ABOUT ME

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.