BENJAMIN WRIGHT

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

I'm a self-taught web developer with nearly 20 continuous years of programming experience and nearly 10 years of experience in technical leadership roles at reputable companies. In just five years, between 2007 and 2011, I advanced from associate web developer to principal software engineer, and was often recognized for my strong, people-first work ethic. I'm returning to work after a significant break. Recent aptitude evaluations note my decision-making ability and fit for managing others. 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: React Tutorial: https://react.dev/learn/
- 2025: Project Management Certificate at Grand Valley State University
- 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 designer, and product manager
- 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)
- 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

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
- 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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HUMAN SKILLS—Plum.io (Aptitude and skills evaluation)

- Communication skills that encourage openness, clarity, reasonableness, coherence, and action
- 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

TECHNICAL SKILLS—HackerRank (Problem-solving certifications)

- Excel (Statistics), SQL
- GitHub, JIRA (Agile Development, Scrum), Microsoft Project
- Bash (Unix shell), CSS, JavaScript, Java, Python, Perl, PHP, and XML (HTML)
- Growing experience with Node.js and VSCode

MORE ABOUT ME

Learning   I'm autodidactic and love to learn. I taught myself business administration, software engineering
             (web) and essential mathematics using regular textbooks—I just didn't complete a degree. I do have
             some 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.