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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 marketing, business, psychology, and technology.
- 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 cycle.
- 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 in delivering OnStar.com.
- Mentored junior developers, conducted interviews, and worked closely with clients to achieve project milestones.

- Collaborated with external teams from Digitas and GM, handling UI development with JavaScript (jQuery) and Java (Liferay).

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

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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.
- Behavioral & Social Science Enthusiast: Deeply curious about understanding people, with a strong interest in behavioral, cognitive, and social sciences.
- 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

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.