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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Broad, pragmatic professional and lifelong learner with 10 years of coding experience in multiple languages and 4 years of technical leadership experience. I spent the last 10 years studying business and marketing, and mastery and performance. I understand people and connect insight to action. Now I'm anxious to bring business acumen, technical fluency, and a people-first mindset to my next role. 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 (2025), deepening expertise in planning, execution, and leadership.
- Completed formal college coursework in statistics, calculus, sociology, and C++, reinforcing analytical reasoning and systems thinking.
- Read extensively from college-level business and marketing texts—driven by curiosity, disciplined self-study, and a passion for understanding how value is created.
- Completed Python and Data Science courses (Harvard University/edX), earned a HackerRank problem-solving certification, and completed the official React tutorial—strengthening technical adaptability and solution design skills.
- Studied mastery, peak performance, learning science, and personal growth—developing frameworks for high performance and sustained improvement.
- Completed an Olympic-distance triathlon, demonstrating long-term discipline, endurance, and resilience.
- Learned guitar and voice performance—developing creativity, discipline, and a growth mindset through consistent practice.
- Took private pilot lessons, enhancing situational awareness and decision-making under pressure.

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.
- Front end 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 five-person 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
- Front end 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, account managers and QA to achieve project milestones on time
- Chosen to develop the prominent vehicle selector widget, a coveted portfolio opportunity
- Front end 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

- Front end development with JavaScript in HealthMedia.com
- Front end 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.
- Leader & Coach: Leadership and coaching experience drawn from athletics, business, and the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Analytical Thinker: Proven above-average analytical and pattern recognition skills.
- 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: Prioritize removing customer 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

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MORE ABOUT ME

Education   Completed a self-directed curriculum equivalent to a bachelor's degree, combining 30+ accredited college credits with advanced independent study in business administration, marketing, software engineering, and mathematics.

Fitness   I have over 20 years of fitness experience that includes cycling, marathons, an Olympic distance triathlon and common achievements in strength training.