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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

I'm a self-taught web developer with a broad business education. I have 10 years of professional experience as front end developer and 5 years of experience in technical leadership roles at industry-leading 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've studied UX, but I'm also comfortable with back end and database concepts. I'm returning to work after a 10-year career break, which I used to further my education and improve my health. Recent aptitude evaluations note my decision-making ability and skills 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: 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)
- 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

- 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
- 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 (HTML)
- Growing experience with Node.js 22 and VSCode

MORE ABOUT ME

Learning   I'm an avid (and disciplined) 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 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.