

# William Yennie

## Software Engineer

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### EXPERIENCE

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#### Co-creator; Software Engineer, *Firefly* [🔗](#)

October 2022 – January 2023

Firefly is an open-source observability framework, providing an overview of serverless function health through the use of metrics and traces.

- Prototyped and built Firefly using Node.js, OpenTelemetry and Amazon Web Services (Lambda, Metric Stream, Firehose, S3, IAM).
- Created a CLI to automatically instrument Lambda functions and set up AWS infrastructure to emit metrics from CloudWatch and published as an NPM package.
- Automated AWS infrastructure setup and teardown through the use of the AWS SDK and Terraform.
- Wrote middleware to handle context propagation in traces for asynchronous, event-based Lambda invocations.
- Built a custom OpenTelemetry collector to receive metric and trace data.
- Architected telemetry pipeline which utilized OpenTelemetry, Promscale (timeseries database), and Grafana.
- Reduced telemetry pipeline set up from over 15 steps to 2 steps using Docker (images, network, docker-compose).
- Designed Grafana dashboards to display serverless function telemetry data using SQL queries.
- Collaborated with a remote team of 4 engineers across 3 countries using agile workflow.
- Authored technical case study on Firefly's development and use case ([read the case study here](#) [🔗](#)).

#### Software Engineer, *Self Employed*

2020 – 2023

Created open-source applications using various technologies:

- Gouda Request: A database-backed web application for inspecting and debugging webhooks. Built with Node.js, Express, Handlebars, Ngrok, PostgreSQL.
- Airline Routes: Web application for tracking and visualizing flight paths from airport to airport. Built with React, Node.js, Express, MongoDB.
- Todo List: Web application with a RESTful API for creating and tracking customized todo lists. Built with Ruby, Sinatra, ERB.

### SKILLS

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#### Backend

Node.js, Express, Ruby, Sinatra, Golang, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, RESTful APIs

#### Frontend

JavaScript, React, Redux  
HTML, CSS, jQuery

#### Tooling

Digital Ocean, Docker, Git, GitHub, Linux, Bash, OpenTelemetry, Terraform, Grafana, Nginx

#### AWS

Lambda, Cloudwatch, Kinesis, IAM, S3, API Gateway, SQS, SNS, EC2

### EDUCATION

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#### Launch School, *Software Engineering*

Mastery based education program for Software Engineers: <https://launchschool.com/employers> [🔗](#)

#### Suffolk County Community College, *Business Administration*