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#### **SUMMARY**

- Lover of math and puzzles. Five years solving puzzles through finance and financial software.
- Eventually software became more interesting and rewarding puzzle than finance.
- Left the fold. Learned full-stack. Switching to a career in software full-time.

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI 2002 – 2006

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Economics

App Academy San Francisco, CA 2015 - 2015 Immersive Full Stack Course Acceptance Rate < 5%

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# Aegon Asset Management Baltimore, MD

2012 - 2015

#### **Derivatives Analyst / Data Architect**

- Researched alternative hedging strategies. Projected savings: \$50 million/year.
- Built audit trail in Python/PostgreSQL for daily hedging, reducing setup time and error rates.
- The audit trail tracked the data flow for actuarial models with more than 300,000 customers.

# Aegon Group Risk Baltimore, MD

2008 - 2012

# **Actuarial Analyst**

- Rebuilt interest rate curve engines for use in 31 countries. Went live in 3 weeks.
- Improved the efficiency of VBA tools for financial reporting, shortening 21 days of work to 5
- Built XML API to manipulate actuarial software from Excel. It became known as the 'Miracle Tool'.

#### Kdnk Public Radio Carbondale, CO

2007 - 2008

#### **News Director**

- Produced local and regional coverage of immigration, energy, and environmental stories.
- During tenure, ratings rose to second highest in the market.

## **SKILLS**

Ruby, Ruby On Rails, RSpec, Python, SciPy, Git, CSS3, SASS, Bootstrap, JavaScript, Backbone, jQuery, PostgreSQL, SQLite3, HTML5, Angular, Agile Development, TDD

#### PORTFOLIO

#### competitive-minesweeper.com

- Player races a robot to clear their board first. Pixel perfect clone from Windows.
- Uses CSS3, Javascript Canvas, and event listeners. Glyphicons for fast loading.
- Facebook and open graph meta tags make for easier sharing to social media.
- GitHub: <u>zelaznik.github.io/minesweeper</u>

#### cosmo-connect.com

- Restful single page app in BackboneJS for fast updating.
- Fully normalized data, Postgres triggers keep data consistent.
- JSON rendered in Postgres for faster performance.
- GitHub: zelaznik.github.io/cosmo