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Senior Software Engineer

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Experience:

Estee Lauder Companies, New York, NY (remote) – Senior Backend Engineer

FEB 2023 - PRESENT

Currently working as a contractor (HireTalent; New York, NY) for Fortune 500 cosmetics giant. Part of a large, long-term modernization project to move a suite of Drupal/Perl e-commerce sites to Elixir. Integrating with many payment providers and order fulfillment systems.

Technologies: Elixir/Phoenix, Oban, Postgres, CockroachDB, Kafka, RabbitMQ, gRPC, Protocol Buffers

Weedmaps, Irvine CA (remote) – Senior Backend Engineer

JUL 2019 - FEB 2023

Primary engineer in charge of orders integrations with dozens of point-of-sale systems in a large service-oriented architecture. Split time between writing new integrations, adding features to existing integrations and providing support.

Technologies: Elixir/Phoenix, JSON-API, Oban, Postgresql, RabbitMQ, AWS Step Functions

Bravauto LLC, Portland OR – Co-Founder/Developer

DEC 2018 - FEB 2020

Bootstrapped a SaaS mobile/web startup to help used-car dealers not overbid at auctions. Elixir/Phoenix backend and started React Native mobile app. Put it aside to focus on full-time work.

Kongregate, Portland OR — Full-Stack Platform Engineer

NOV 2007 - NOV 2018

Joined startup as employee 11 and worked on all aspects of high-traffic (30 million users) Rails games website, eventually becoming the sole engineer maintaining the web code. Wrote years of green-field code, combatted spam, tackled accounting needs, performed countless deploys, solved countless problems.

ChipIn Inc, Honolulu HI — Lead Engineer

AUG 2006 - NOV 2007

Worked on Java rewrite of startup's fundraising website, then switched to Ruby on Rails to create a "white-label" version of the app. This included separate data warehouses and reporting apps. Left as Lead Engineer.

Beluga Software, Olympia WA — Software Engineer

JUL 2004 - AUG 2006

Developer and member (co-owner) at a cooperative software consulting firm. Hired as a temp right out of college, but was made a co-op member/co-owner within a year. Java, JSP, Spring Framework

Projects: WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife app to track fish populations; state payroll timekeeping system; etc

Education:

Evergreen State College

Olympia, WA - Mar 2003 – Jun 2004 - BS in CS June 11, 2004

Projects: Self-contained e-commerce web framework in Java; independent contract on XML technologies; Java Generics; etc

Hampshire College

Amherst, MA - Sept 1984 – May 1986

Worked on a CS/Music multidisciplinary degree. Wrote Pascal on a VAX 11, studied C, 6802 Assembler

Important Ideals:

Agile, Shared ownership/responsibility, TDD, KISS, YAGNI, Retrospectives, Honesty, Life/work balance, Having fun