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Summary

A passionate software engineer and entrepreneur with over 14 years of experience working remotely and in-office with start-ups, small businesses and corporations. Expertise in Python, PHP, API design, web development, Linux and JavaScript. Able to work under tight deadlines, learn new technologies quickly and consistently deliver well-tested, innovative software solutions.

- ✓ Responsible
- ✓ Creative
- ✓ Dedicated
- ✓ Innovative

Awards

Personal Accolades

Total Rewards, Empire Life – August 2016

Recognized and awarded as a high performing employee, demonstrating outstanding contributions at Empire Life.

Total Rewards, Empire Life – January 2012

Recognized for outstanding contributions to the launch of Empire Life Investments.

Other Recognition

Web Centre of Excellence, Empire Life – July 2013

Award of Excellence for eServices Intranet in the IFCA Annual Awards Competition.

Recent Work History

2013 – Present

Lead Developer, Web Centre of Excellence

Empire Life | Kingston, ON

- Architected and developed *Fast and Full*, an award winning e-commerce life insurance web application that is transforming the traditional paper-based life insurance sales process to digital, and accounts for more than 15% of all sales.
- Developed the underwriting API's that handle all health questionnaires and business rules to ensure policies are accurately adjusted for risk, increasing efficiencies and reducing cost.
- Managed technical direction of team and introduced new innovative technologies and processes to senior management.
- Prototyped and customized single sign-on with Auth0 using JWT and OAuth unifying logins across all web applications and websites for customers and advisors.

2010 – 2013

Web Technical Specialist, Web Centre of Excellence

Empire Life | Kingston, ON

- Recommended and setup AWS and Heroku hosting services, migrating away from internal systems and increasing speed of deployment, allowing developers to address business needs more efficiently.
- Presented technical material to staff up to 120 and presented progress of development to C-level executives.
- Mentored developers on best practices and provided code reviews, increased team efficiency using Scrum.
- Developed eServices Intranet, an open source corporate Intranet built in Drupal for over 800 staff, providing the company with substantial savings over using SharePoint.

2008 – 2010

Web Developer, Marketing & Communications

Queen's University | Kingston, ON

- Researched, prototyped and implemented university-wide search using Google Site Search saving \$40,000/year from Google Search Appliance.
- Created accessible friendly interactive campus map featuring search, building photos, interior features and class codes. Was one of the most used applications across Queen's University.
- Maintained university website, Queensu.ca, implemented Google Analytics, analyzed visitor search results by improving relevancy of results and increased site traffic with SEO techniques.

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Technical Skills

Back-end

- Python, PHP, Ruby, Node.js, Go, Java
- Flask, SQLAlchemy, Django, Drupal, Ruby on Rails, Express
- SQL, relational databases using PostgreSQL, MySQL, MS SQL
- RESTful API development, JSON and SOAP
- CI/CD, Docker, AWS, Heroku
- Linux OS (CentOS, Red Hat, Debian, Ubuntu)

Front-end

- HTML5, CSS, JavaScript (ES6), TypeScript, React, Bootstrap
- Webpack, Babel
- Google Analytics, Segment, MixPanel
- SEO, progressive enhancement
- Wireframing, prototyping

Other

- Git, Gitflow, Github, Visual Studio Code, Atom, PHPStorm, Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft Office
- Single sign-on, OAuth, JWT, LDAP
- Apache and Nginx configuration
- Hardware installation, configuration and troubleshooting
- Proficient in Windows, Macintosh and Linux environments



Work History



2005 – 2014

Founder, Lead Developer

Wave Point Media Inc. | Kingston, ON

- Created a technical authority content site, *WebHostGear.com*, on system administration, providing an invaluable traffic source for direct leads and advertising opportunities. Site was successfully acquired.
- Consulted and developed websites and applications for multiple clients, fulfilling business requirements on time and on budget.
- Researched and analyzed marketing opportunities, created marketing sites generating revenue through SEO and affiliate programs.



2005 – 2006

Technical Support Manager

HostGator.com | Boca Raton, FL & Remote

- Start-up web hosting business that went through explosive growth. Oversaw support and system administration efforts to ensure we were responsive to customers and provided excellent uptime.
- Handled and resolved escalated technical and priority customer service issues.
- Assisted with implementation of a web application firewall, increasing security of servers and websites.



2002 – 2005

Founder

TowerHost.com | Toronto, ON

- Bootstrapped web hosting business, created e-commerce site, marketing plan, which grew quickly.
- Managed and maintained Linux servers ensuring a 99.9% uptime.
- Company was successfully acquired.



Education and Certifications



2012

Google Analytics Individual Qualification

Online



2000 – 2003

Multimedia Design Diploma

Durham College | Oshawa, ON

References available upon request