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Career Summary

- Professions:
 - Senior Software Engineer
 - Platform Engineer
 - Live Ops/Ops Engineering
- Industries:
 - Games Industry
 - Web Site Development
 - Management Information Systems
- Senior Server Engineer
- Senior UI/UX Engineer
- Systems and Network Administrator
- Cellular and WiFi/BT Testing
- Disaster Simulation
- Information Technology

Skills

Language and API Technologies

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| • C | <i>Expert</i> | • .NET/VB/Visual C++ | <i>Strong</i> | • ARM/Thumb Assembly | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • HTML/XHTML | <i>Expert</i> | • Python | <i>Strong</i> | • Boost | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • JavaScript/ECMAScript | <i>Expert</i> | • jQuery/jQuery UI | <i>Strong</i> | • Lua/Lua API | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • DHTML/AJAX | <i>Expert</i> | • RPGIII/RPGLE | <i>Strong</i> | • MSBuild | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • PHP | <i>Expert</i> | • TCL/Tk | <i>Strong</i> | • PS2 VU Assembly | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • JSON | <i>Expert</i> | • Crystal Reports | <i>Strong</i> | • QML | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Sunplus ISA Assembly | <i>Expert</i> | • MATLAB/SIMULINK | <i>Moderate</i> | • Windows Batch | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • C++/OOP | <i>Very Strong</i> | • sh/bash/ksh Scripting | <i>Moderate</i> | • Xcode | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • BASIC/QuickBASIC | <i>Very Strong</i> | • CLP (AS400) | <i>Moderate</i> | • MFC | <i>Light</i> |
| • CSS | <i>Very Strong</i> | • CGI | <i>Moderate</i> | • AppleScript | <i>Light</i> |
| • XML | <i>Very Strong</i> | • LZMA/LZW/Zip | <i>Moderate</i> | • CMS | <i>Light</i> |
| • SQL/MySQL/SQLite | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Makefile | <i>Moderate</i> | • CURL | <i>Light</i> |
| • 6502/6510 Assembly | <i>Very Strong</i> | • MIPS Assembly | <i>Moderate</i> | • DirectX | <i>Light</i> |
| • Qt | <i>Strong</i> | • OpenGL/OpenGL API | <i>Moderate</i> | • Java | <i>Light</i> |
| • ImageMagick | <i>Strong</i> | • PERL/Tk | <i>Moderate</i> | • Objective C | <i>Light</i> |

General Abilities

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| • Mathematics | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Tool Design | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Network Administration | <i>Strong</i> |
| • Software Testing | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Sketch Artist | <i>Strong</i> | • Game/Gameplay Design | <i>Strong</i> |
| • User Interface Design | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Graphical Layout | <i>Strong</i> | • Apache | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Algorithm Design | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Controller Design | <i>Strong</i> | • Firewall Design | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Application Design | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Network Management | <i>Strong</i> | • DNS Configuration | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • API Design | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Physics Modeling | <i>Strong</i> | • Windows NT Admin. | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Linux Administration | <i>Very Strong</i> | • System Modeling | <i>Strong</i> | • Auto. Build Systems | <i>Light</i> |

Platform Programming Experience

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| • Linux/Unix | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Sunplus SPG2xx SPG290 | <i>Strong</i> | • Playstation | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Commodore 64 | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Gameboy DS | <i>Strong</i> | • Gameboy Advance | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Web | <i>Very Strong</i> | • Wii | <i>Strong</i> | • osCommerce | <i>Moderate</i> |
| • Playstation 2 | <i>Very Strong</i> | • OS/Kubernetes/Docker | <i>Moderate</i> | • Splunk/Grafana/Kibana | <i>Light</i> |
| • Windows | <i>Very Strong</i> | • i5/AS400/System 38 | <i>Moderate</i> | • iPhone / Android | <i>Light</i> |
| • MacOS X | <i>Strong</i> | • MacOS Classic | <i>Moderate</i> | • X-Box | <i>Light</i> |

Experience

- **Activision Blizzard** (full-time remote) – *Irvine, California* *November, 2020 ~ June, 2023*
Senior Server Engineer; Live Ops/Ops Engineering: Blizzard Entertainment, Hearthstone
 - Investigated player issues that CS could not fix and perform live production data healups in Oracle SQL.
 - Wrote automated player data migration service to migrate old player data, which worked in conjunction with login, in C++, Oracle SQL.
 - Optimized and maintained code profiling library that ran on live production in C++.
 - Integrated all feature gate variables into company's monitoring library in C++.
 - Updated company's networking routing library and migrated API to new version in C++.
 - Updated various internal and third party libraries in C++, Oracle SQL.
 - Created API to link Optimizely to game to configure computer players in C++, HTML, JSON.
- **Machine Zone** – *Palo Alto, California* *September, 2017 ~ July, 2020*
Server Engineer: Distributed Backend for 6 MMO Mobile Games (Game of War, Mobile Strike, Final Fantasy XV, ...)
 - Maintained/improved codebase of distributed backend server systems in PHP, Lua, MySQL, sqlite developed in Docker containers.
 - Principal maintainer of server kernel including custom Object-Relational Mapping and Controllers in PHP, MySQL, sqlite.
 - Rewrote transaction rollback to support broader database modification that was aware of internal and external data caching in PHP & MySQL.
 - Added support for "soft" deletion of models/rows that deactivate instead of removing to improve overhead of volatile tables in PHP & MySQL.
 - Primary maintainer and deployer of device tracking system in PHP, MySQL running on OpenShift on Kubernetes and Docker.
 - Wrote GDPR/CCPA management and data wiping backend and handled wiping requests during development in PHP, MySQL, Python, bash.
- **Trion Worlds** – *Redwood City, California* *June, 2014 ~ February, 2017*
Platform Engineer, Glyph: Platform Launcher for Login/Auth and Downloading, Decompression, and Patching of Multiple Games
 - Updated/improved Glyph on Windows, MacOS X in C/C++, Qt, QML, JavaScript, CURL, LZMA, Zip, company STL and common libraries.
 - Updated company STL and common libs on Windows, MacOS X in C/C++ including STL, text manipulation, memory & process management.
 - Set up process to rebuild Qt and OpenSSL from source to target Windows XP on Windows using VS 2013 in Windows Batch, Makefile.
 - Reworked project files and install builder for more efficient build on Windows, MacOS X in MSBuild, Windows batch, AppleScript, bash.
 - Updated company build server client for Windows and created build of and automating of MacOS X builds in Python.
 - Updated and built existing mobile authorization apps on iPhone and Android in Objective C and Java.

• **LitePoint** (a division of Teradyne) – *Sunnyvale, California*

May, 2012 ~ May, 2014

Senior Software/UI/UX Engineer

- **Test Plan Editor:** Cellular and WiFi/BT Test Plan Creation and Editing Software Tool
 - Wrote from scratch based on UI layout request and existing file format in JavaScript, jQuery, jQuery UI, HTML, CSS, QtWebKit, C/C++, Qt.
 - Created API to access company SDK (in C/C++) through JavaScript/jQuery using QtWebKit with a HTTP request fallback.
 - Developed future file format and created module to convert file formats in Python.
 - Contributed to improvement of company SDK and plug-in modules in C/C++, Qt, JSON, and Python.
 - Learned about RF testing of cellular and WiFi/Bluetooth devices.

• **Contracting / Self-Employment**

March, 2010 ~ December, 2012

- **Bloomberg LP:** Senior Software Engineer; *August, 2011 ~ October, 2011*
 - Worked in Trade Order Management Systems fixing back-end bugs in C/C++, JavaScript, and ksh.
 - Wrote Bloomberg terminal command to schedule and delete trade book tickets in C/C++, JavaScript, ksh, and SQL.
- **Swann Costume Shop:** Lead Software Engineer; *June, 2011 ~ July, 2011*
 - Wrote customer and inventory database to track rentals and charge late fees in TCL/Tk and SQLite.
- **FlipSwitch Solutions:** Lead Software Engineer; *February, 2011 ~ April, 2011*
 - Wrote custom course management and scheduling with user registration in PHP, HTML, and CSS.
- **LaFrance Corporation:** Senior Software Engineer; *July, 2010 ~ December, 2010*
 - Rewrote product upload tool adding robust error handling in Visual Basic .NET.
 - Finished osCommerce-based website largely in PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript including:
 - FedEx/UPS shipping API with label printing in object-oriented PHP, VB .NET and XML.
 - Interactive product view and searching that used JavaScript and JSON AJAX library.

• **Test & Evaluation Solutions** – *Warrenton, Virginia*

July, 2009 ~ December, 2009

Senior Software Engineer

- **Integrated Recovery Model:** Ship Disaster Recovery Modeling and Simulation for PC, Mac, and Linux
 - Rewrote and updated ship deck and compartment modeling program in TCL/Tk and SQLite.
 - Learned and participated in discussions about improving existing SQLite schema for ship data.
 - Wrote data conversion scripts.
 - Applied for and received Secret Level U.S. Security Clearance.

• **Barking Lizards Technologies** – *Richardson, Texas*

January, 2008 ~ August, 2008

Senior Software Engineer

- **Wii, Playstation 2, and PC Game:** Naked Brothers Band
 - Wrote Playstation 2 Controller API and missing-controller display in C++.
 - Wrote Playstation 2 Memory Card API and display in C++.
 - Wrote Wii Power, Reset, and Exit handlers in C.
 - Wrote Wii disc error handler and display in C and C++.
 - Wrote Wii Home Button Menu handler in C++.
 - Wrote common microphone API interfacing to each platform library in C++.
- **Gameboy DS Game:** Bratz, Girlz Really Rock
 - Scripted one of the five chapters for the RPG-like story mode in LUA including API additions in C.
 - Wrote pause menu, options menu, and initial version of main menu in C++.
 - Added multiplayer features to one game in C++.
 - Added touch-slider and radio button classes to the game in C++.
- **PC Proof-of-Concept Game:** Client-Server Network Test in C++ with a data conversion tool in C

• **LaFrance Corporation** (MIS Department) – *Concordville, Pennsylvania*

August, 2006 ~ January, 2008

Senior Software Engineer

- Designed and wrote many auto-generating product reports in Crystal Reports with AS400 SQL interface.
- Wrote web interface to graphic department's Windows file share to aid design search in PHP.
- Designed, wrote, and maintained many inventory and billing apps in RPGIII, RPGLE, and CLP on AS400.
- Rewrote Benmatt website, cleaned up data, and documented it in PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Wrote Design-Your-Own-Product dynamic web pages in PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, JS, and ImageMagick.
- Designed and wrote first version of LaFrance corporate library in PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Setup SSL certificate for one of the websites on a Linux-based host.

• **Contracting / Self-Employment**

March, 2006 ~ January, 2007

- **Atomic Orange Productions:** Senior Software Engineer; *September, 2006 ~ January, 2007*
 - Worked on SPG288 based PnP game, Bratz at the Mall, in C and SPG2xx ISA Assembly.
 - Worked remotely with team of 2 engineers, musician, and producer.
 - Wrote 2 games and pause, help, level complete, and hardware diagnostics screens in C.
 - Designed and wrote sound driver (4-chan mapped music and 2-chan fx) in SPG2xx ISA Assembly.
 - Wrote simple fixed-point physics module in C.
 - Modified text output driver to support 2 sizes and special characters in C.
 - Optimized and resampled sound effects for ROM space efficiency using Audacity.
 - Gave advice regarding music/sound on Sunplus/GeneralPlus audio chips under ROM constraints.
- **Cold Fusion Entertainment:** Technical Advisor; *March, 2006 ~ August, 2006*
 - Collected information and wrote documentation and code for SPG290 in C.

- **SDI Technologies/Kiddesigns** (Tech2Go Division) – *Rahway, New Jersey* *November, 2004 ~ March, 2006*
Lead Software Engineer; Technical Direction; Systems and Network Administrator
 - **Plug-and-Play Game:** TMNT Way of the Warrior (on embedded SPG220 system)
 - Worked with GDD writer and added to game design.
 - Wrote graphics encoding tool in C and provided supplemental artwork using GIMP.
 - Wrote 5 games, main menus, pause, intros, and outros in object-oriented C.
 - Wrote kernel (core) functions and game engine in object-oriented C, C, and SPG2xx ISA Assembly.
 - Wrote all drivers: sound, music, video, sprites, et cetera in C and SPG2xx ISA Assembly.
 - **SPG290-based Children's Game Consoles:** Wizdome Edutainment VGC & Handheld
 - Wrote multiple drivers including: sound, music, video, sprites, etc in C and SPG290 ISA Assembly.
 - Wrote some kernel (core) functions in C and SPG290 ISA Assembly.
 - Wrote some hardware documentation to supplement Sunplus docs.
 - Provided technical direction and provided hardware support to clients.
 - Trained new software engineer on Sunplus hardware.
 - **Tech2Go Internal/External Network**
 - Set up and maintained Linux-based server, switch, router, and PCs running Windows XP.
 - Set up: FTP, Samba, SVN, BBS, and archiving and backup scripts in Bash Script on a Linux host.
 - Began designing for developer website for use by clients.
 - **Drexel University & School District of Philadelphia** (Partnership) – *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* *February, 2004 ~ September, 2004*
Teaching Assistant: Drexel University, University City High School, and Leidy Elementary
Lab Tech Assistant: University City High School
Engineering Mentor for Robotic Club: University City High School
Administrative Assistant: Broad Street Garage
 - **Contracting / Self-Employment** *April, 2003 ~ January, 2004*
 - **Fez Works:** Software Engineer; *April, 2003 ~ January, 2004*
 - Wrote 3D collision detection in C++ and performed data analysis in Excel with VBScript.
 - **Ringling Hill Orchards** (Family Business) – *Pottstown, Pennsylvania* *September, 2003 ~ November, 2003*
Orchard Worker
 - **Majesco Entertainment** (Pipedream Interactive Division) – *Edison, New Jersey* *September, 2000 ~ March, 2002*
Software Engineer
 - **PS2 Games:** Soldier of Fortune & Star Trek Voyager: Elite Force
 - Wrote PS2 port of OpenGL (graphics library) on PS2 VU1 in C, PS2 VU Assembly, and DMA.
 - Wrote loading screens keeping load off main processor in C, MIPS Assem., PS2 VU Assembly, and DMA.
 - Wrote minimal MPEG (movie) player in C and PS2 MPEG Libraries.
 - Optimized inter-process communications (to lower data contention).
 - Final code optimizations (mostly involving graphics) in C, MIPS Assembly, and PS2 VU Assembly.
 - Ported some bone animation math to PS2 Vector Unit 0 in C and PS2 VU Assembly.
 - **Dreamcast Game:** Q*Bert
 - Wrote part of inter-executable API in C.
 - Designed high score font and a few minor graphics.
 - Wrote tool to extract and convert some game data in C.
 - Designed and wrote menus and menu effects in C.
 - **X-Box:** Began learning DirectX shaders on NVIDIA GeForce 3 in C and Shader Assembly.
 - **Drexel University** – *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* *January, 2000 ~ June, 2001*
Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Senior Design Coordinator
Teaching Assistant
 - **LaFrance Corporation** (MIS Department) – *Concordville, Pennsylvania* *March, 1997 ~ September, 1997; March, 1998 ~ September 1998*
Software Engineer; Systems & Network Administrator
 - **Allegheny University of the Health Sciences** – *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* *September, 1995 ~ March, 1996*
Software Engineer; Web Designer; Software Tester and Trainer
 - **Ringling Hill Orchards** (Family Business) – *Pottstown, Pennsylvania* *September, 1992 ~ February, 1993; September, 1993 ~ February, 1994*
Orchard Worker
- Education
- **Drexel University** – *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* *September, 1999 ~ 2001*
Masters of Science in Computer Eng. (Computer Controls) Thesis: "Self-Erecting Pendulum: An Example in Computer Controls for Undergrads"
 - **Drexel University** – *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* *August, 1994 ~ September, 1999*
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (Systems and Controls) Minor in Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering GPA: 3.713, Magna Cum Laude, Distinguished Honors