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INTRODUCTION

I am an experienced polyglot software engineer who's specialties lie in building large-scale, complex APIs, interactive websites and internal tooling. I have over 10 years of software development experience ranging from the fast-paced world of startups to working on many different contracts with a small, independent team of developers. I have the expertise and ability to make your team better through my knowledge and experience and am excited to share.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PBS

Sept 2019 - Present

Senior Software Engineer

- Modernizing legacy Django applications by adding a test suite, upgrading packages, and updating deployment infrastructure to enhance readability and security.
- Continually improving and enhancing PBS.org with goals to grow our user base and help them access our resources as seamless as possible.
- Developing the next-generation deployment infrastructure application for PBS microservices to unify how micro-services get deployed to Amazon AWS; written in Go.
- Being a go-to generalist who helps brainstorm and fix cross-team architecture problems along with helping optimizing my team's overall workflow.
- Develop cross-application best practices for code quality and testing infrastructure.
- Be a thought leader for experimental changes through out the engineering team at PBS and share learnings through tech talks and presentations.

Skyword (Merged with TrackMaven)

Mar 2014 - Aug 2019

Senior Software Engineer (Promoted from Software Engineer)

- Lead effort to unify users between the TrackMaven platform and the Skyword platform; creating a unified login micro-service in Django which synced the two platform's authentication.
- Developed the implementation of best practices for continual security upgrades for all repositories using Snyk, Dependabot and Github Security Hub.
- Worked as the lead architect on the migration of our base Django application to Python 3 while also upgrading all application dependencies.
- Worked on the re-architecture of our Kubernetes infrastructure introducing better best-practices in deployment through Terraform.
- Part the senior engineering team in charge of on-call triage of problems and after-hour deployments of our multiple services.
- Provided direct technical support to Software Maven team members and collaborative technical support to other departments within TrackMaven.
- Developed testing protocols and best practices to support a successful transition of the live web application from CoffeeScript to modern JavaScript.
- Established and led a Quality and Infrastructure engineering team that focuses on promoting sound application infrastructure through ensuring high quality code and developing best practices across the engineering department.

Koansys, LLC.

Feb 2012 - Mar 2014

Application Developer

- Developed and deployed the Interactive Satellite Tracker (iSat), an application written in JavaScript that calculates satellite positioning in real-time based off of open-source data for Science@NASA,
- Actively maintained iSat and created application enhancements to meet the needs of Science@NASA.
- Designed and built cloud infrastructure and automated scripts using Ansible to migrate Science@NASA's Content Management System to Amazon Web Services.
- Transitioned Science@NASA's Content Management System from Django to Drupal
- Designed a front-end web application, using the Pyramid Framework and written in Angular.js, which allows the customer to interact with a custom-built Python API

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Backend Technology	Python (Django, Flask, FastAPI), Node.js, Rust, Go
Frontend Technology	Javascript (React, Vue, Gatsby, Next.js), HTML5, CSS (Bootstrap/Tailwind)
Databases	PostgreSQL, Redis, MongoDB, MySQL, FinDB
Cloud Technologies	Amazon Web Services, Docker, Terraform, Ansible, Fabric
Concepts	Agile, SCRUM, SEO

HIGHLIGHTED PERSONAL PROJECTS

wasm-frontmatter <https://www.npmjs.com/package/wasm-frontmatter>
A clone of grey-matter written in Rust. The rust code is used to generate Wasm code and is then released to NPM. My tests have found that Wasm-Frontmatter is three times faster than the javascript equivalent.

CubeCobra <https://www.cubecobra.com/>
CubeCobra is an open-source website used by the Magic the Gathering community to host their cube information. I have been helping since the early start of CubeCobra mostly consulting with the community to build strong best practices within the code base.

PushFile <https://www.npmjs.com/package/pushfile>
A project written in Node.js which allows you to push a file to Amazon Web Services S3 and gives you an URL in return. This is written using the latest javascript syntax and uses Babel to compile into ES5 to work as a command line application.

Gorson <https://github.com/pbs/gorson>
A application written in Go that aids PBS employees to better interact with AWS Parameter Store. Gorson allows for an easy API to add, edit, and delete environment variables stored in the parameter store.

JoshFinnie.com <https://www.joshfinnie.com>
My personal blogging site written using the Gatsby.js static site generator. Takes advantage of GraphQL for data manipulation, and is hosted on Netlify for high-availability.

More open-source projects can be found at <https://www.github.com/joshfinnie/>

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Introduction to gRPC and Go - *PBS Internal Tech Talk*, June 23rd, 2021
- Building Wasm-Frontmatter - *RustDC*, March 16, 2021
- Intro to Rust and Wasm for Javascript Developers - *DC JS*, December 9, 2020
- Docker Multi-stage Builds and other Best Practices - *PBS Internal Tech Talk*, July, 21, 2020
- Docker Strangelove - *Django District, etc.*, October 02, 2019
- Kubernetes Overview Offsite - *Skyword Internal Talk*, May 10, 2019
- GraphQL Lunch & Learn - *TrackMaven Internal Talk*, September 4, 2018
- Flask, Zappa, and AWS Lambda - *Django District, etc.*, January 24, 2017
- Decoupling our Angular.js App - *AngularJS DC*, October 19, 2016
- Quick and Dirty AWS Lambda in Node.js - *NodeDC*, July 21, 2016
- CoffeeScript and the Road to ES2015 - *JavaScript DC*, June 23, 2016
- Dockerizing your Node App in 5 Minutes - *NodeDC*, March 17, 2016
- Command Line Applications in Node.js - *NationJS 2015*, November 13, 2015
- A DSL in Python - *Django District, etc.*, October 27, 2015
- A Pythonista's Day-O-Haskell - *TrackMaven Monthly Challenge*, September 30, 2015
- Sneaking React into Angular - *TrackMaven Monthly Challenge*, May 27, 2015
- iSat: Lightning Talk - *TrackMaven Monthly Challenge*, January 19, 2015

All talks can be found at <https://www.joshfinnie.com/talks/>

EDUCATION

Central Connecticut State University

Classes towards a Masters of Science in Geography (GIS Track).

University of Connecticut

Bachelors of Art, Economics. (Certificate in Quantitative Economics & Minor in Mathematics).