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BEAUTIFUL.AI

VICE PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERING

APRIL 2017 to Present

First engineering hire working on the next generation of design software. Promoted to Director of Engineering, then VP of Engineering as the company scaled. I manage engineers across front end, back end, and devops, along with QA, Security, and Product. Beautiful.ai is a complex single page app built in Javascript, with heavy use of Google Cloud. My work includes recruiting and hiring, architecting systems, defining product features, mentoring team members, defining business strategy, and interfacing with other department heads.

MIRROR LABS

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER

APRIL 2016 to APRIL 2017

As part of a three person engineering team in a six person company, I built a new financial services company using ReactJS, Haskell, and PostgreSQL. Our external facing application allowed institutional derivative traders (such as hedge funds and venture firms) to model potential trades, view current price action, as well as place buy and sell orders. The internal application allowed our in house trading desk to place orders on behalf of clients.

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LEAD FRONT END ENGINEER

MAY 2013 to APRIL 2016

Lead a team of 5 in building a powerful data visualization web application on top of a proprietary query language. I worked closely with executives, directors, PMs, and designers. As the first hire of a newly created front end team, I implemented the core architecture of the single page app and a heavy reporting engine built entirely in Javascript. I was responsible for architecting many core modules including query generation, persistence, and search. I worked on performance, improving application load time by implementing optimized algorithms. I also lead our team to a faster QA cycle by creating automated test suites with Selenium.

DIMENSION DATA / XIGO

FRONT END DEVELOPER

AUG 2011 to MAY 2013

Worked closely with the CTO, product managers, and VPs to design and implement new UI, while refactoring legacy code. This was done primarily by developing a consistent brand, implementing a component based CSS style guide, and reworking the legacy ASP.NET Web Forms front end into a modern front end architected with AngularJS.

FREELANCE

MUSIC PRODUCER / SOUND ENGINEER / MUSIC EDUCATION

JUL 2007 to AUG 2011

Refined organizational, social, and creative skills to manage a large number (100+ per year) of clients each with unique needs.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

BACHELOR OF MUSIC, JAZZ PERFORMANCE

AUG 2005 to MAY 2009

Primary study of jazz guitar performance, with additional emphasis on audio engineering, composition, and music pedagogy.