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Co-Founder & DevOps

Bleep Blorp Books - US (2016-)

- Part of the product concept and design process, I was primarily responsible for content production, transitioning existing PDF/Doc content into our CMS.
- Responsible for all things DevOps, designing and implementing the infrastructure, setup and configure servers, backups, security systems, etc.

DevOps Engineer

WeddingWire - Chevy Chase, MD (2014-2015)

- Researched and implemented a central logging solution for more than 150 servers.
- Assisted the development team with any technical environment and/or tooling issues.
- Developed small Ruby scripts (e.g. import server logs to a SQL database).

Security IT Supervisor

ICS Advanced Technologies - Ames, IA (2013-2014)

- Coordinated work between on-site installers, remote customer support, and client.
- Created and lead development of a new product (first software built in-house).
- Presented and demoed the product to (potential) customers.
- Created and proposed a new product idea and business model that would create a recurring revenue stream (SaaS model); management liked the idea and bought into it.

Co-founder & Technical Lead

Shoplr - Ames, IA (2010-2013)

- Helped shape and develop the vision, roadmap, and business plan for the company.
- Lead product development by supporting the engineering team.
- Helped lead UI design, from sketches to final product.
- Architected and maintained the product infrastructure (e.g. servers, etc).
- Developed most of the final front-end code of the public sites.

Web Designer-Developer

BILD International - Ames, IA (2007-2012)

- Got involved at the concept phase, sketching & brainstorming new ideas and designs.
- Implemented designs in pixel-perfect front-end code.
- Created and helped develop a custom web video player (video & slides in sync).
- Researched, presented and advocated for ways to evolve & modernize the tech stack.

Junior Security Engineer

Chief Security Officers, Lda - Lisbon, Portugal (2007)

- Primarily involved in assisting network and server deployment.
- Helped overhaul an entire office's network & datacenter with zero downtime.
- Installed and configured servers and network equipment at high security datacenters.

Sales Consultant

PowerOn - Porto, Portugal (2005-2006)

- Helped customers by designing PC configurations that matched their needs & budget.
- Involved in new product research & benchmarking.
- Developed a branding concept and identity to appeal to the enthusiast market.

SOFT SKILLS

- Fast learner, especially *on the job*
- Analytical and problem solver;
- Researcher at heart, but believer in intuition;
- Keen eye for things that can be improved/optimized;
- Good communication skills;
- Passionate about customer engagement and satisfaction;
- Able to present ideas and vision in private or to an audience;
- Incurable hacker of all things.

HARD SKILLS

- Sketching with pencil/paper/whiteboard;
- HTML, CSS (and Sass/LESS);
- Server/network administration (OS X/Linux/Windows);
- Basic to intermediate Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Javascript, PHP.

LANGUAGE

- Fluent or native: Portuguese, English;
- Basic to medium understanding: Spanish, Italian.

FORMAL EDUCATION

- 2010-2012: *Des Moines Area Community College*, IT/Network Administration;
- 1982-present: *Self-taught.* :)

HOBBIES

- Video production (e.g. gaming, product reviews, etc)