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Skills

Operating Systems **Mac OS X** — *advanced*
Linux — *expert*

Development **HTML** — *expert*
CSS — *expert*
JavaScript — *expert*
AJAX — *expert*
JSON — *expert*
Ruby — *expert*
Ruby on Rails — *expert*
Merb — *advanced*
Sinatra — *advanced*
RSpec — *expert*
Cucumber — *advanced*
User Interface Design — *advanced*
Web Design — *advanced*
PHP — *advanced*
Mozilla Platform — *advanced*
UNIX Shell Scripting — *expert*
Rust — *beginner*
Docker — *advanced*
Amazon Web Services — *advanced*

Databases **PostgreSQL** — *expert*
MySQL — *advanced*
SQLite — *advanced*

Languages **English** — *ESOL Level 2 (FCE Grade A)*
Russian — *fluent*
Ukrainian — *native*

Superpowers **Telepathy** — *ability to implement complex, one line description features*

Experience

Peanut

Software Engineer

Sep 2021 — Nov 2022

Peanut is a safe space for women to meet and find support.

I was a part of the Backend Team. I worked on the API that iOS, Android and Web clients consume. Peanut payed extra attention to performance and scalability.

Scribd Inc.

Software Engineer

Jul 2018 — Dec 2020

Technologies

Ruby, MySQL, Redis, Sidekiq, AWS

Scribd provides monthly access to books, audiobooks, news, magazines, and documents.

I was a part of the Internal Tools Team. I assesed, planned, and executed replacement of a few legacy systems with modern equivalents better suited for cloud deployment targets.

Code Climate Inc.

Software Engineer

Dec 2016 — Jan 2018

Technologies

Ruby, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Docker, Python, PHP, Java, Go
Code Climate provides world leading code quality analysis solutions.

I worked on different parts of the product mostly focusing on analysis engines maintenance and CLI tools. Most of the work is Open Source but I also worked on some internal tools and proprietary parts of the product.

DVELP Ltd

Software Engineer

Jan 2016 — Dec 2016

Technologies

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, Heroku, Google Analytics API, Twitter API, Facebook Graph API, Instagram API, Stripe API, Braintree API

DVELP is a London-based web development shop. They have quite a few clients small and big with a broad range of requirements.

I worked mostly on back-end. I did business analysis, requirements assessment and come up with solutions. Architecture and implementation of business logic were among my responsibilities. I sometimes did front-end work as well.

Smart Pension Ltd

Technologies

Software Engineer

Sep 2015 — Nov 2015

Ruby on Rails, MySQL, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, CoffeeScript
The company helps businesses easily comply with government regulations on employee pension enrollment. The process is complex and riddled with many nuanced requirements.

I focused on the development of the main product. It involved both back-end and front-end development. Back end is a set of intertwined microservices and APIs.

Leadformance

Technologies

Senior Developer

Mar 2014 — Aug 2015

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, Liquid, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, Redis, Varnish, Linux

The main product of the company is called Bridge. It's a service that lets bring easily hundreds of brick and mortar stores online letting customers easily find the closest one and all the essential information about it.

My focus was back-end development and maintenance of legacy code. I greatly contributed towards code quality, stability, and performance improvements. I refactored a few parts of the application to massively improve UX.

Conjune LLC

Technologies

Team Lead

Jun 2013 — Mar 2014

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, PayPal, Skrill, XMPP, Linux

Stealth mode start up.

Re-Mondes/Groupees

Technologies

Rails Developer

Nov 2010 — Jun 2013

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, Redis, Server-Sent Events, HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, FFMPEG, BitTorrent, PayPal, Google Checkout, Amazon Payments, Linux

Groupees is a digital content store. It specializes in flash sales of bundles of games and music. Almost all sales have a cut for charities. Most sales are Pay What You Want. It's a Rails application with a strict requirements on stability and performance under high load. Application can handle high loads using relatively little resources.

This application have been extracted from Yawma. In the process of extraction app undergone a massive refactoring. After that many new features have been added. A few new payment options, BitTorrent file distribution and advanced caching on the view and model levels. Many tasks have been moved into background. For example, music previews generation and album packaging do not block request cycle. Over two years app undergone two major UI redesigns.

Re-Mondes/Yawma

Technologies

Rails Developer

Oct 2010 — Oct 2011

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, FFMPEG, PayPal, Amazon Payments, Linux

Yawma is a digital content store. Its content was mainly composed of indie music and games but from time to time pretty big names in music industry did limited time sales there too. The app was community orientated. Besides the store itself there was rather active forums section.

The project is discontinued.

DataXu

Technologies

Rails Developer

Mar 2010 — Oct 2010

Ruby on Rails, Merb, PostgreSQL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, SVG, Amazon EC2

DataXu is a real-time advertising analytics company. They have very powerful technologies under the hood. I worked on the client facing front end part.

I worked on inherited Merb app. Mainly maintenance but implemented a few small new features. Later it was reimplemented on Rails. Application was sort of a dashboard. Its purpose was to present aggregated data in a nice way. I constructed massive SQL queries and implemented reach client side data presentation. The data also could be exported in CSV, XLS and PDF.

Vestify

Technologies

Rails developer

Sep 2009 — Jun 2010

Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, PostgreSQL, Solr, Linux

Vestify is a crowd funding project. It was done with Ruby on Rails and some JavaScript. It had many of the features of social networks like following, activity feeds and messaging. Besides that it had rather complex crowd funding functionality. The whole set of features have been developed to the production polish in the course of just four months.

Unfortunately, this project haven't been launched into production for non-technical reasons.

We Do Creative

Technologies

Technical Director

Sep 2008 — Mar 2009

Ruby on Rails 2.3, PHP, Ruby, JavaScript, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Atom/RSS, Linux

WDC was a UK based web shop. I did there some PHP work for clients as well as some Rails.

- Unwrapp**
Technologies
Lead Developer
Sep 2008 — Mar 2009
Ruby on Rails 2.3, JavaScript, PostgreSQL
Unwrapp was an app directory with some pretty interesting social elements. It was reviewed on TechCrunch and GigaOm when it was in private beta.
App featured many social aspects such as following and activity feeds.
Unfortunately it didn't make it to the public release. I hope it will be resurrected some day.
- rPath**
Technologies
Linux Developer/QA Engineer
Oct 2007 — Nov 2007
Ruby, Rake, Python, rPath Linux, Virtualization
rPath Linux is a pretty neat distro. They have really advanced package manager and image build system. I worked on tests automatization and quality assurance. Rake and Ruby was used for that.
- Railsware**
Technologies
Rails Developer and System Administrator
Jun 2007 — Oct 2007
Ruby on Rails, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Flash, FFMPEG, PostgreSQL, Streaming
Railsware is a web shop specialized in Ruby on Rails. I worked on AudioSouk, be an audio guide marketplace for travelers. Core features were upload, optimization, and presentation of audio files for customers to choose and buy.
Unfortunately it didn't make it to a public release.
- Firejuice**
Technologies
Web developer
Dec 2006 — May 2007
PHP, MySQL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript
Firejuice was a pretty big development company. They did mostly web development with a variety on technologies such as PHP, Java, and .NET. I was working on PHP projects. I took my part in development of their CMS/site boilerplate. Also among others I was working on projects for such clients as Healix, Mitsubishi Motors Ukraine, Illuminator Film Service, and Golden Gate Pub.
- ITMarketing**
Technologies
System architect and Lead developer
Feb 2006 — Dec 2006
PHP, MySQL, JavaScript, Mozilla Platform, XUL, XPCOM, Linux
ITMarketing is a web shop. They mostly do client work. But they have a bunch of nice tools for internal use. I worked on a SEO tool. It was a Firefox extension. So I've been working with some really powerful technologies such as XPCOM, XUL, and some hardcore JS on top of that and PHP on the back end.

Della Trans
Technologies

Developer, Automatization Engineer

Apr 2004 — Nov 2005

Delphi, PHP, MySQL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Linux, FreeBSD

Della is a leading Ukrainian logistics company. I worked on a few projects devoted to increase personnel productivity, decrease costs of running business, and improve workflow in general. These projects were based on a variety of technologies such as Delphi, PHP, MySQL, and Linux.

Among many interesting projects was MySQL database replication. At that time MySQL didn't support replication out of the box. I developed custom MySQL driver and protocol to replicate DB between about 100 machines in real time.

Education

NTU "KPI"

Computer Science

Sep 2004 — Jun 2009

Unfinished

NTU "KPI"

Compositional Materials, Powder Metallurgy and Surfaces

Sep 2002 — Jun 2004

Unfinished