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SUMMARY

I have 10+ years of experience leading software engineering teams and solving technical challenges. I also founded two bootstrapped startups, resulting in a pair of successful acquisitions.

Being an engineer at heart, I enjoy programming as well as managing. For most of my career, I've been fortunate enough to do both.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Zillow

Seattle, Washington
Apr. 2011 to Present

Senior SDE

- Contributing to Python and Java development projects on the Pro Platform Team.

Cozi Group, Inc.

Seattle, Washington
Apr. 2010 to Feb. 2011

Social Projects Engineering Lead

- Developed the initial framework and calendar section of the Cozi Android mobile application using Android's Java SDK.
- Conceived, developed, and launched a baby names resource site, built in Python/Django.
- Helped launch a Facebook album collage application using JavaScript and the Facebook Graph API.

BallHype, Inc. (acquired by Future US, Inc.)

South San Francisco, California
Jan. 2007 to Apr. 2010

Founder/Director of Blips Engineering

- Built the BallHype content aggregation platform and the ballhype.com and showhype.com web sites, reaching a combined 3 million monthly unique users at the time of their acquisition.
 - Backend application aggregated and analyzed millions of documents each day from social, media, blog, and video sources.
 - Frontend application provided rich Ajax-enabled user experience, including contests, messaging, voting, and other social networking features.
- Launched 100+ Blips aggregation sites which, along with ballhype.com and showhype.com, reached a combined 15 million monthly unique users.
- Migrated the platform to Amazon's EC2 Web Services.

Biz360, Inc.

San Mateo, California
Apr. 2003 to Mar. 2007

Vice President of Engineering

- Lead three functional teams to manage and extend the company's media and blog analysis applications (market360.biz360.com):
 - Infrastructure Engineering: Java-based distributed computing platform for large-scale content aggregation and text analytics
 - Application Engineering: Java/XML/XSL-based business intelligence application framework
 - Product Management
- Launched blog monitoring product, enabling a 4x jump in processing scale in less than 3 months.
- Established agile software development methodologies.

Infrastructure Engineering Director

- Managed and contributed individually to the backend engineering team, responsible for a high-volume Java-based distributed computing application. Application components included: web spidering, HTML data harvesting, indexing/searching, natural language processing, and data warehousing.
- Launched next-generation versions of most application components.

DETERMINE Software

San Francisco, California
Nov. 2000 to Apr. 2003

Software Development Director

- Led development of the Java-based DETERMINE web applications for leasing and contract management (www.determine.com). Coordinated the engineering release cycle--managed shared resources, prioritized tasks, and improved efficiency throughout the development process.
- Launched four new applications and several other features and enhancements.
- Contributed individually to Java, XSLT, JSP, and XML-based development projects.

Zing Networks

San Francisco, California
Oct. 1999 to Nov. 2000

Director of Server Engineering

- Managed the development team for the Perl-based Zing.com online photo application. Coordinated hiring, supervised training, and administered reviews for a 12-person team. Worked with product management to establish product launch processes.
 - Launched an e-commerce engine and several co-brand sites, including English and Japanese versions of Sony's ImageStation (www.imagestation.com).
- Product Manager
- Planned, managed, and launched several new features for the Zing.com site, including a complete visual redesign and technical overhaul.

Intel Corporation

Santa Clara, California
Jul. 1997 to Sep. 1999

Internet Content Producer

- Coordinated internal and external partners with internal and external development teams to develop rich media content for the Intel WebOutfitter service.
- Worked with the development team to establish technical requirements, make design tradeoffs, and resolve hot issues.

Senior Marketing Engineer

- Managed the e-commerce-enabled web site for the Intel AnswerExpress support suite, an Internet-based service for PC users.

NBA.com (Starwave)
Bellevue, Washington
Oct. 1995 to Jun. 1997

Editorial Producer

- Developed HTML content for NBA.com: The Official Site of the National Basketball Association. Managed browser compatibility/page download issues and maintained code consistency.
- Also transcribed live interactive events with players, coaches, and executives.

The Java Boutique
Seattle, Washington
Dec. 1995 to May 1997

Founder and Principal

- Created and launched the Java Boutique (www.javaboutique.com), an early Java resource site, just before the release of Netscape Navigator 2.0. Reviewed and incorporated submissions from independent Java developers, and assisted web developers with adding applets to their sites.
- The Java Boutique ranked among the most popular sites on the Internet at the time that I sold it to Internet.com in 1997.

Microsoft Corporation
Redmond, Washington
Jun. 1996 to Sep. 1996

Product Manager Intern

- Developed marketing collateral, including press tours and reviewer's guides, for a suite of Internet servers in the Internet Platforms and Tools Division.

EDUCATION

University of Washington
Seattle, WA, Jun. 1997
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT, Dec. 1990

Master of Business Administration
Information Systems and Marketing, 3.6 GPA.
Bachelor of Science
Business Management and Finance, 3.5 GPA.

SKILLS

Technical

- Java (9 years - Sun Certified Programmer)
- Python (5 years)
- Android (1 year)
- Ruby (1 year)
- SQL (12 years)
- HTML/JavaScript (12 years)

Management

- Staffing/employee development
- Project management
- Product definition/planning
- Agile development methodologies