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Senior Software Engineer

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Self-directed backend engineer with deep investment in security, scalable system design, and emerging tooling. Pragmatic about AI, enthusiastic about learning, and a strong written communicator who understands the business problem before reaching for a technical solution.

Employment history

Senior Software Engineer

Footballguys LLC, Remote — Sep 2024 – Present

- **Sole architect and owner of all cloud backend systems** serving 300K+ active users within a 4-person engineering team. Responsible for reliability, design decisions, and delivery across every backend surface.
- **Led a full backend rewrite** from Node.js/Express to Python 3/FastAPI, migrating ~70 endpoints to a typed, tested, maintainable system; applied agentic AI workflows to systematically map untyped JavaScript to typed Python equivalents, compressing weeks of mechanical work into a fraction of the time.
- **Architected the company's most-requested feature**, a realtime Live Draft Tool, built on a Redis-backed polling system against upstream fantasy APIs with no persistent storage, now expanding to additional platforms.
- **Owned the full stakeholder loop as sole senior backend engineer**: managed a junior developer, triaged requests with customer experience, organized staff testing teams for new releases, and served as the primary conduit between leadership and backend priorities.

Software Engineer

Footballguys LLC, Remote — May 2020 – Sep 2024

- **Built and maintained integrations with 12 fantasy sports platforms** (ESPN, Yahoo, Sleeper, CBS, and others), designing resilient scraper architecture with fallback handling and dynamic page recovery.
- **Developed internal PHP tooling for a customer service team**, surfacing key customer datapoints from the production database for troubleshooting; also built uptime monitoring, error logging, and staff-facing content management interfaces.
- **Maintained all customer-facing pages**, handling CSS and JavaScript updates across the site's frontend.

Coffee Shop Manager

Various Shops, Knoxville, TN, & Brooklyn, NY — 2017 – 2020

Professional Skills & Languages

Python, TypeScript, Node.js, Go, Ruby, Rust, Lua, C, C++, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, FastAPI, BeautifulSoup, Playwright, MySQL, Redis, AWS, Prometheus, Docker, Smartie, Express, React, Composer, EXT.js, Git, Figma, Postman, vim, cargo, cmake, uv, npm, Linux, Ubuntu, Arch Linux, macOS, Cloud Architecture, API Design, Microservices, Data Scraping, Backend Testing, Unit Testing, Team Leadership, Stakeholder Management

Education

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga — May 2017