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HELPING SOFTWARE HELP PEOPLE

I love creating castles out of thin air with software - it is my hobby and my profession.

I have a very strong 'Get Things Done' work ethic and have been lucky enough to work for organizations that share the same philosophy. As a software developer, architect or manager, I conscientiously and compassionately help my team build castles. Typically these teams are small and the castles magnificent. I have enjoyed working for startups, large corporations and the U.S. government. Research interests: **Machine learning**, science / engineering tools, human-computer interaction, **innovative user interfaces**, **software architecture**, **direct manipulation 2D graphics**.

EXPERIENCE Designed, architected, implemented, deployed these except co-designed Lifenik and ChilECAD not deployable

- **3/2016-present** Co-Founder, CTO - Cheers.ws "Massive Online Party". Mixed-reality social network makes Internet more real and humane - people 'see' and play with other people on any webpage in real-time. Uses microservices for scalability, reliability, understandability. Intern supplied animatable cartoon characters. Single-page application with mirrored server-side SEO rendering. URL shortener. Messenger-like functionality. Twitter-like real-time 'following'. Typeahead suggester. YouTube-like recommendation system. Facebook-like newsfeed. Tiled 'slippy map' with 10 zoom levels. DigitalOcean, Ubuntu, **Node.js**, **JavaScript**, **Python**, Nginx, **Redis**, GitHub, **ReactJS**, Terraform, **AWS S3**, **Socket.IO**, **Memcached**. Web app (**full stack**).
- **4/2013-3/2016** Co-Founder, CTO - Lifenik.com "Super-powered Kids". Several working betas. Google Map overlays to improve cross-cultural connection, empathy. Lumosity-like games to improve happiness, well-being. Gamified social network to improve savoring, gratitude, generosity. Linode, Ubuntu, **Ruby on Rails 4.2**, **Python**, **Node.js**, Nginx, Capistrano, Unicorn (previously: **AWS**, AngularJS, Bootstrap, Passenger).
- **4/2011-4/2013** Founder, CEO - Ultimist.com "The safer smarter friendlier luxury marketplace". Several major pivots based on feedback from domain experts. Quora-like Q&A. Badges. Forums. Classifieds. Analytics and statistics. Personal newsfeeds. Editable product database with searchable sortable semantic properties and tie-in to latest news. Provenance tracker. **AWS**, Ubuntu, **Ruby on Rails 4.2**, **Python**, **Node.js**, Nginx, Passenger, Resque, GitHub, Capistrano. Ported to Unicorn, Cron and Linode. Live (but mothballed).
- **12/2009-4/2011** Founder, CEO - Mattters.com "Follow Your Interests" Over 1000 real-time news channels displayed with smart magazine-like layouts. Three major versions (**ROR** at Joyent. 100% **Node.js** at AWS. Mixed **ROR** and **Node.js** at AWS). **AWS** (EC2, S3, SQS, CloudFront), Ubuntu, Ruby on Rails, Python, Node.js, Nginx, Passenger, Resque, Memcache, GitHub, Capistrano. (1.5M uniques / month).
- **2/2008-12/2009** Founder, CEO - Magazines.me "Looks like a magazine; works like a blog" Flippable webpages with a PageMaker-like WYSIWYG drag-and-drop editor with Adobe InDesign feature set, but runs in a browser and outputs industry standard HTML and **JavaScript**. **RoR**. Joyent.
- **12/2007-2/2008** Founder, CEO - Sendies.com "Many to one messaging" Crowd-sourced greeting cards. An infinite, zoomable, editable, drag-and-drop canvas. People type messages, drag-and-drop clipart. **RoR**. Joyent.
- **7/2007-12/2007** Founder, CEO - Speshy.com "Ecommerce webtop" PageFlakes/NetVibes-like online start page with widgets like clock, weather, RSS feeds, etc.. Infinite undo/redo, custom widgets, on-screen interactive cloning and inheritance of new widgets, in-widget source code editor. **JavaScript**, J2EE. CentOS.
- **4/2001-7/2007** Contract (remote) - **Sandia National Laboratories**, Albuquerque, NM. ChilECAD - a full-featured commercial-quality schematic capture analog **ECAD** desktop application capable of supporting custom models and simulators (e.g. XYCE) on the fastest computer in the world. Combined with my Mica Graphics Framework, I wrote and maintained nearly 500,000 lines of DRY Java. After project termination

rigorous testing found less than a dozen bugs. XML-driven plugin architecture for: SPICE-dialect generation and parsing, conversion of SPICE to/from schematics, persistence, themes, file version management and conversions, and simulator setup and job submission. Uses XML to define OO parts (symbols) library definitions with MVC separation of concerns, inheritance and overloading. Java.

TOOLS AND LIBRARIES These are mine; some were sold, some used by clients, most helped prototype solutions for clients.

- **MICA GRAPHICS FRAMEWORK.** Mica (successor to my EditorObject), now on GitHub, is a Java OO UI widget toolkit, 2D scene graph library, suite of editor objects and UI and network graph layout managers. It distills ideas from many toolkits and research papers (Mica was pre Java Swing).
 - **EDITOROBJECT.** a bigger better PGL in C++. I was attending a lot of ACM Siggraph, CHI, OOPSLA, Visual Language conferences. OO, UIs, and direct-manipulation were ascendant. I was having to write a new graphics editor it seemed for every new contract. 'new Editor()' creates a full function editor.
 - **UI FRAMEWORKS.** VisualADE, a declarative UI/data-binding builder. Cadabra and Obsidian: Aristotelian category-like declarative DSLs with behavioral and constraint metadata for e.g. auto test, repair, discovery. LUE (Life Universe Everything) used the data-flow paradigm to graphically build live UIs. C++. Java.
 - **PGL (Portable Graphics Library),** in object-oriented 'C', rendered high-performance 2D scene graphs and windows on top of SunView, X-Windows and standard PC-graphics cards. **C.**
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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- **Unicom.** Interactive graphical layout and management for advertising copy and support materials. Java.
 - **Innovative Research.** Environment for the Analysis of Parallel and Distributed Systems. I built this on Mica (network graph managers, direct-manipulation graphics editors, tooltips, context-sensitive help, auto backup /recovery, drag-and-drop, right-button menus, and UI generation from metadata). Java 1.0.2.
 - **SunSoft.** Prototyped two applications (Online DiskSuite, HATool). One prototype contained a dynamic flowchart from which windows were launched. The other prototype included a constrained, interactive treemap editor with extensive design rule checking. These made use of my EditorObject. C++.
 - **Ericsson Raynet.** Architected and wrote frontend and application layers for RIDES - a large carrier-grade telecom operations support system (OSS) in C++ with 3 graphics editors using my EditorObject, a multi-layered framework architecture and extensive randomly-generated in-memory test-database.
 - **Innovative Research.** Environment for the Simulation of Distributed Systems. Built graphical capacity planning tool for Operations Research professor for U.S. Army to provision computer networks (e.g. drag-n-drop network creation and workload assignment). Custom MVC (my architecture of choice). C++.
 - **McDonnell Douglas.** Wrote a highly constrained logical placement, route and display tool for telecom outside-plant equipment (mimicking the hand-drawn diagrams they had been using). C++.
 - **Cadnetix.** Technical-lead for the graphics group for 4 years, which was responsible for the UI and 2D graphics for the company's products. My refactoring of the graphics library sped up the rendering and graphics database query language by a factor of 10X to 100X. **ECAD. C.** 80x86. 68000.
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EDUCATION

My academic background is **Applied Math** at the University of Colorado, Boulder, finishing the technical requirements for a B.S. including graduate courses in probability, abstract algebra and space flight dynamics, before leaving school in my sophomore year to shortly join the personal computer revolution. Previous member of ACM, IEEE, attended many tech conferences and subscribed to literally dozens of trade mags for 20 years.