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With over 20 years of development experience, I've worked on hundreds of projects for a variety of clients. Recently I've focused on government technology, creating policy and tools with officials at every level of government, from legislators to executive agencies. I've also led award-winning teams creating websites and APIs for high-profile clients, handling thousands of requests per second.

My leadership background has allowed me to help startups and young organizations grow quickly, by implementing and reinforcing strong methodology with my teams - both remote and on-site. At heart, I believe in openness, collaboration, and transparency to make things better - software, teams, and government.

I was named Legal Hacker of the Year 2016 by DC Legal Hackers for my work with Sunlight Labs. I was an original member of the Free Law Founders, a national open-law policy organization. I advised on the W3C Web Annotation Working Group focusing on the unique problems of policy documents. I also continue to work on The State Decoded, an open law & policy platform, along with the original creator, Waldo Jaquith (18F, US Open Data).

Experience

USDS, Department of Veterans Affairs | May 2017 – present | Digital Services Expert

I currently am working for the United State Digital Service at the VA, working to improve services for Veterans.

Sunlight Foundation | August 2016 – November 2016 | Senior Technology Adviser

I spent a few months working with Sunlight Foundation to advise in several areas, from technology to policy. The main focus of this work was to help shut down Sunlight Labs. I led the development work to prepare their dozens of projects and hundreds of repositories to be shelved or adopted, by implementing open source best practices. Since Sunlight would no longer employ any technical staff, a large part of this work was replacing many custom in-house applications with easy-to-use, off-the-shelf replacements that required no upkeep.

OpenGov Foundation | August 2013 – August 2016 | Lead Developer

The OpenGov Foundation works to open law and legislation for the people to have a voice in government. They create policy and tools for openness nationally and internationally – in partnership with the United Nations, the White House, the US House of Representatives, the Government of Mexico, the state of Maryland, the cities of Chicago, Baltimore, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, as well as numerous other organizations such as The Sunlight Foundation, Code for America, the W3C, and others. Their two flagship applications, Madison and The State Decoded, are used by organizations and governments all over the world.

WillowTree Apps, Inc | April 2012 – August 2013 | Lead DevOps Engineer

WillowTree Apps is one of the largest and fastest-growing mobile app companies in the country. Our clients included Fortune-50 companies, and some of the most well-known brands in the world. Before taking over the lead of the DevOps team, I spent my time split between the Web Application Team, building mobile-first and responsive web applications, and the DevOps team, creating Python-based auto-scaling APIs serving data for high-traffic mobile apps.

Boyd Caton Group | January 2010 – May 2012 | Lead Developer

BCG is a government contractor focusing on the public transportation industry, with clients including the Federal Transit Administration and WMATA. I worked on several federal safety web applications, met with top agency officials, lead the rebranding and redesign of our company website, and created a series of data visualization tools for safety and security data for the federal government and individual agencies.

Hotelicopter | January 2008 – January 2010 | Senior Developer / QA Manager

Hotelicopter (née VibeAgent, and now RoomKey) was a hotel booking search startup, with over 20 partners and many times the inventory of its contemporary, Kayak. Most of this work was in de-mangling data from dozens of providers into a single, normalized datasource for real-time search – a unique feature at the time. In my time at Hotelicopter, I helped re-engineer the site structure from custom code into a modern framework, and ran two remote teams (development, QA) in India.

Category4 | September 2003 – January 2008 | Senior Programmer

Category4 (now called Convoy) is one of the longest-running web development shops in Virginia. I worked with dozens of clients building a variety of sites to suit different project needs. In the time before Magento and Shopify, we built one of the first e-commerce engines, and I created one of the first applications to interface with the MLS system used by most real estate companies in the country, to show property listings on the web. Category4 won the Gold award from the American Marketing Association two years in a row for sites that I worked on.

Munk & Phyber | June 2000 – September 2001 | Head of PHP Development

Back when everyone was still using CGI scripts in Perl, Munk & Phyber was one of the first companies in the world to use PHP. We built some of the very first e-commerce websites, as well as making sites for local non-profits and artists. Several of the sites we launched then are still running today, with only minor tweaks since we originally wrote them.

Freelance Developer | April 1996 – May 2017

I've spent over two decades building hundreds of websites and applications for a variety of clients. Throughout my work, I've stayed current with the latest cutting-edge tools. I've created plugins and themes for most well-known CMS, built custom applications in a dozen different languages, and written many articles about various topics from bash scripting to data standards policy.