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Professional Objective

To obtain a position as a senior software developer or architect in an environment where I can apply all of my software development skills, from hands-on coding to team leadership/mentorship, collaborative project planning, system architecture/design, and software process improvement.

Technology Skills

Programming Languages: Java, Objective-C, C, C++, Python/Jython, JavaScript, ActionScript, Tcl/Tk, Perl, Pascal, Ada, Lingo, LISP, UNIX Shells (bash, csh, sh), SQL.

Software Engineering Methodologies/Techniques/Frameworks: eXtreme Programming (XP), Scrum, UML, Design Patterns, CRC, Use Cases, Booch/RUP, Capability Maturity Model (CMM).

Web/Internet Technology: HTTP, XML, XSL-T, XSL-FO, Java Servlet API, JSP, FTP, HTML, JMS, Tomcat, Apache, JBoss, Xerces, Xalan, FOP, WebObjects, WebLogic, CGI, TCP/IP.

Operating Systems: UNIX (Mac OS X, Solaris, Linux, SCO, AIX), Windows 95/98/NT/2000.

Tools: IntelliJ IDEA, Xcode, Subversion, CVS, Ant, Junit, Velocity, Log4J, CodeWarrior, Emacs, Rational Rose, Together Control Center, TOPLink, EOModeler, StarTeam, Aqua Data Studio.

Employment History

Senior Software Engineer

Apple Computer, Inc. (Cupertino, CA)

June 2005–Present

- Senior developer on Analytics & Automation team for the public-facing online Apple Store.
- Led team of five developers.
- Responsible for designing and implementing features whereby customer behavior is observed, analyzed and fed back into the functioning of the online store.
- Designed and implemented a generic Cross-Sell Recommendation Service that mines aggregate historical purchase information to recommend products that will complement a customer's current, past, or potential purchases on the Apple Online Store.
- Member of the online Apple Store's Design and Architecture ("DNA") team, charged with establishing and ensuring standards of technical excellence in the store's engineering projects.
- Helped pioneer the online Apple Store's implementation of the Scrum agile development methodology.
- Completed Certified ScrumMaster training, 3/8/2006.

Chief Software Architect

Walker Digital (Stamford, CT)

September 2004–June 2005

- Led development of a probabilistic, AI-based simulation system supporting the development of Walker Digital's intellectual property in the casino space; initially developed to model slot machines with varying payout tables and standard deviations, the system was then expanded to model various flavors of video poker, accounting for a range of player strategies and their effects on payout models.
- Managed, coached, and pair-coded with team of six developers.
- Ported GameShow24's lightweight web application framework to support non-web-based applications.

Chief Software Architect

GameShow24.com (owned and controlled by Walker Digital) (Stamford, CT)

November 2001–September 2004

- Led development team at GameShow24.com, a new venture initiated by Priceline founder Jay Walker, to create an

e-commerce web site where customers win prizes from local merchants by playing online versions of TV game shows (e.g., *The Price is Right*, *Let's Make a Deal*, etc.).

- Managed, coached, and pair-coded with team of nine developers.
- Designed and coded lightweight Web application framework based on the Model/View/Controller pattern, using J2EE technologies such as the Java Servlet API, JSP, JMS, JDBC, JNDI, XML, and XSLT.
- Deployed public web site serving more than 1000 unique users per day, as well as internal web applications, using Apache, JK2, Tomcat, JBoss, and Oracle 9i, and Verisign PayFlow Pro API for credit card processing.
- Employed agile development process (inspired by eXtreme Programming) in order to adapt to rapidly changing business requirements without losing momentum or sacrificing code quality.

Technical Team Lead

Skillgames, Inc. (owned and controlled by Walker Digital) (New York, NY)

January 2001–November 2001

- One of three team leaders in the development of a web site providing games of skill, played on the Internet; users pay per game, and win prizes based on their skill at the games.
- Hands-on leadership: equal parts coding and management.
- Led four teams of 2-4 developers each; each team was responsible for a portion of the development effort: Customer Profile Management, Presentation Layer (JSP/JavaBeans), Persistence Layer (TOPLink), Security Infrastructure.
- Helped institute eXtreme Programming (XP) practices: User Stories, Pair Programming, JUnit Testing, User Acceptance Tests, Continuous Integration, etc.

Director of Software Engineering

Shooting Gallery Interactive (New York, NY)

September 2000–January 2001

- Responsible for technical design, architecture, and implementation of Web sites specializing in both e-commerce and the delivery of rich media.
- Formulated standards for software engineering practice and development process improvement.

Senior Developer/Architect

iClick, Inc. (now ProAct Technologies) (White Plains, NY)

May 1999–September 2000

- Participated in the development and re-architecture of *ClickHR*, a Java servlet-based product allowing employee self-service via Web-enabled access to human resources databases.
- Participated in the design and development of a generic workflow engine built into *ClickHR*.
- Designed and implemented an XML-based language (and compiler) for representing and enacting workflow processes (predated XPD, but similar).
- Designed and implemented a secure, web-based single-sign-on system allowing seamless login to multiple web applications, potentially across disparate domains (patent pending).
- Chief architect of *iCAN*, an employee portal integrated with *ClickHR* to provide employees with personalized savings and benefits on goods and services, leveraging information from the human resources application suite.
- Adapted *ClickHR* to send/receive information via XML, allowing integration with any external system that can interpret XML messages (predated XML Web Services, but similar).
- Provided leadership in formulating organizational policies for configuration management, software engineering, etc.

Lead Developer, Core Development Team, Application Server Division

Information Architects (New York, NY)

February 1999–May 1999

- Continued work on *Metaphoria Data Transformation Server* (see previous position) as team leader when Information Architects purchased the *Metaphoria* technology group from Pencom Web Works.

Internet Technologist/Web Developer

Pencom Web Works (now known as Xtiva, Inc.) (New York, NY)

January 1996–February 1999

- Co-architect and principal developer of the patented *Metaphoria Data Transformation Server* (see Patents, below), an all-Java Web application framework providing support for analysis, modeling, and flexible presentation of heterogeneous, distributed data, using the Java Servlet API.
- As technical lead of methodology committee, initiated the use of software engineering practices such as lifecycle management, version control, UML, coding standards, documentation standards, and technical reviews.
- Helped PWW (now known as Xtiva, Inc.) build a consulting team of over 75 developers spread over six offices nationwide.
- Co-author, with Edith Au, of *Java Programming Basics* (Henry Holt/MIS:Press, 1996).

Additional Experience

- Musician / Composer / Songwriter (1986-present)
- System Administrator, NYU Art Dept. (1995-1996)
- Assistant Research Scientist, NYU Ultracomputer Lab (1995)
- Recording Engineer / MIDI Programmer (1990-1995)
- Music Teacher, Montclair Kimberley Academy, Montclair, NJ (1988-1991)

Education

MS in Computer Science, January 1997
New York University (New York, NY)

Overall GPA: 3.97 out of 4.00

BS in Psychology, May 1988. Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Psi Chi, Dean's List
Tufts University (Medford, MA)

Overall GPA: 3.76 out of 4.00

Studied Jazz Composition with William Thomas McKinley and George Russell at The New England Conservatory of Music from 1985-1987, with significant coursework in classical and jazz theory and arranging

Patents

- **System for Indexing and Displaying Requested Data Having Heterogeneous Content and Representation**, 9 November 1999
Leon Shklar and David Makower. U.S. Patent Number 5,983,267,
http://www.delphion.com/details?pn=US05983267__
- **System for Indexing and Displaying Requested Data Having Heterogeneous Content and Representation (continuation in-part)**, 26 June 2001
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http://www.delphion.com/details?pn=US06253239__
- **Centralized Single Sign-On Method and System for a Client-Server Environment**
David Makower, Jay Sachs, and Steve Schwell. (U.S. Patent Pending, Application Number 20,020,184,507 filed May 31, 2001)

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