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EXPERIENCE

Garlic Dumpling, LLC – *Founder and CEO*

January 2010 – present

Launched the startup to explore, learn about, and innovate in mobile. Successfully released several apps, one of which was featured in the book “The Rough Guide to the iPad.”

- Capitalized on the opportunity to launch social software in time for the grand opening of the iPad. Designed, developed, tested, and submitted six well-received apps for the iPhone and iPad. Created all graphical assets.
- Implemented and executed marketing strategies. Marketed apps on Facebook and Twitter, and reached out to app reviewers, resulting in prolonged spikes in sales.
- Consulted with other companies on their mobile platform strategies. Built an iPhone app with a backend for The Giving Seed.
- Provided prompt support for problems with the apps. Got feedback from users, and triaged and implemented highly requested features.

Nokia Corporation – *Lead Software Developer*

July 2007 – July 2010

Managed teams to deliver over a dozen four-to-six week product cycles on time and with a high-quality bar. Grew Ovi Share from tens of thousands of members to over ten million in three years.

- Managed four full-time employees and several contractors on the front-end, constantly striving to streamline the user experience for the desktop and mobile sites.
- Drove the rebranding of the site from Twango to Ovi Share, integrating into Nokia’s new Ovi service offerings. Directed an organization-wide effort in a massive redesign of the site focused on simplicity and clean design. Led the efforts to provide a seamless experience between the various Ovi services.
- Designed and implemented Share’s REST API, enabling millions of Nokia devices worldwide to integrate with Share.
- Directed on-site and remote contactors on the following projects: localization, database cleanup and optimization, server maintenance and prop scripts, and site moderation tools.
- Collaborated with groups around the world on a variety of projects, including an Ovi service-wide single sign-on authentication system and a Nokia-wide SMS system. Retained as the only local employee after the group was transferred to Vancouver, BC, and trained a team in Finland on the site’s architecture.

Twango, Inc. – *Software Developer*

June 2004 – July 2007

Thrived in a fast-paced startup environment as the first employee of a successful startup. Involved in all aspects of the company, from defining the product to taking the company through an acquisition.

- Developed a rich Internet application (RIA) from the ground up. Owned the front-end and middle-tier. Created innovative software solutions, such as thumbnail marquee highlighting and a video commenting system. Used agile development for everything from strategy to release with constant iteration and continuous integration for testing.
- Created scalable, robust, distributed services to handle large volumes of processes. Built multithreaded services for processing incoming emails and parsing attachments; for processing images; and for transcoding videos.
- Designed the database schema. Analyzed and improved performance, optimizing queries and denormalizing columns. Implemented search backend using full-text search. Rationalized API and formalized framework for data retrieval and binding.

SKILLS

Technologies Objective-C (three20, Facebook iOS SDK), C#, JavaScript (jQuery, script.aculo.us), T-SQL (SQL Server), ActionScript, Python, Java, CSS, HTML, REST

Web APIs Facebook (FQL, Graph API), flickr, Google (App Engine, Picasa, Maps, Street View, Geocoding), foursquare, Yelp, Twitter

EDUCATION

NYU Stern; New York, NY; MBA (2013)

University of Washington; Seattle, WA; BS, Computer Science, mathematics minor (2004)