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Technical Consultant

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SUMMARY

Versatile technical professional with hands-on experience spanning software engineering, web development, systems administration, and operational coordination. Builds and deploys full-stack applications, automates developer environments with Linux and NixOS, and collaborates effectively in high-tempo, multi-disciplinary team settings with an emphasis on practical problem-solving and rapid learning.

EXPERIENCE

ALifeLivedFully, Minneapolis, MN (Remote) Apr 2020 - Present
Software Engineer

- Architect a full-stack web platform and portfolio with responsive UI and integrated back-end services
- Engineered a PHP/SQL issue-tracking and ticketing web app with streamlined record management
- Build performant static and CMS sites with Hugo, WordPress, JavaScript, and semantic HTML/CSS
- Automate developer workflows and local AI with Linux, shell scripting, and self-hosted tooling

IATSE Local 13, Minneapolis, MN Jul 2022 - Present
Stagehand

- Execute staging, load-in, operation, and strike for theater, concerts, and live events
- Coordinate crews to hang lighting, route audio, assemble scenery, and enforce venue safety
- Enforce safety protocols across rapid set changes, rigging, cabling, and heavy equipment moves

Spark-Y, Minneapolis, MN Mar 2023 - Feb 2025
Technical Consultant

- Manage operations and preventative maintenance of closed-loop aquaponics and urban agriculture
- Lead hands-on workshops on sustainable agriculture, environmental science, and green technology
- Design, build, and deploy accessible, mobile-responsive web pages for sustainability outreach

Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area Jan 2020 - Aug 2022
Flex Officer

- Delivered rapid-response physical security across corporate, financial, healthcare, and retail sites
- Maintained access control, incident reporting, and emergency response with daily safety compliance
- Operated as a hybrid security and administrative liaison at Ally Bank enforcing access protocols
- Conducted foot patrols, monitored CCTV, and de-escalated conflicts to resolve site incidents safely

Saint Paul Police Department, Saint Paul, MN Jun 2019 - Feb 2020
LECPA Member

- Engaged in community outreach, youth mentorship, and civic partnerships across Saint Paul neighborhoods
- Completed coursework in criminal justice, de-escalation, ethics, and emergency readiness

FOSS Swim School, Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area Feb 2019 - Mar 2019
Swim Instructor

- Delivered structured swim instruction to youth across skill levels, emphasizing technique and confidence
- Enforced water safety, supervised poolside activity, and consulted parents on student progress

Ace Hardware Corporation, Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area Dec 2018 - Jan 2019
Sales Associate

- Delivered consultative service and technical recommendations for plumbing, electrical, and paint
- Executed inventory replenishment, cycle counts, displays, and point-of-sale register operations

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul, MN Aug 2018 - Oct 2018
Volunteer Nursing Assistant

- Delivered compassionate ADL support including mobility transfers, personal hygiene, and meals

- Monitored client comfort, reported observations to nursing staff, and provided social companionship

PYCC, Maui, HI Jun 2009 - Apr 2011
Chef / Sous Chef / Dishwasher
- Promoted from dishwasher to head chef managing prep, line execution, sanitation, and team coaching
- Enforced food safety, sanitation, refrigeration control, and ServSafe-aligned hygiene standards
- Trained, coached, and mentored kitchen staff on recipes, prep, and speed of service under rush
- Managed food inventory, portion control, waste reduction, and supplier deliveries

PROJECTS

ALifeLivedFully Website
Hugo, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, WordPress
- Architected a personal web platform serving as portfolio, tech blog, and app laboratory
- Implemented custom themes, dynamic content, and database features with Hugo and WordPress

LiveTerm
TypeScript, React, Next.js
- Built a terminal-styled portfolio emulator with React, Next.js, and TypeScript
- Designed a responsive command parser with custom commands, autocomplete, and themes

Automated Video Production
Python, FFmpeg, Bash
- Engineered an FFmpeg/Python pipeline to stitch intros, content, sponsors, and outros
- Implemented batch rendering and asset verification scripts for resolution, audio, and codecs

Local Linux & Developer Tooling
NixOS, Bash, Python, Git, Neovim, Ollama
- Created declarative NixOS configs with custom shell utilities, Neovim workflows, and local AI
- Developed CLI automation tools for dotfiles, package management, and offline-first workflows

EDUCATION

Century College, White Bear Lake, MN Sep 2018 - Mar 2020
- Coursework in Cybersecurity, Digital Forensics, Virtualization, and Information Assurance

Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center, Saint Paul, MN 2018
CNA, HHA & GED Certifications

SKILLS

Programming & Scripting: Bash, Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, PHP, SQL, Go

Web Development: HTML, CSS, Hugo, WordPress, React, Next.js

Systems & DevOps: Linux, NixOS, Git, Neovim, Docker, Ollama, GitHub, CI/CD

Security & Operations: Security Operations, Incident Response, Access Control, Risk Management, OpenPGP, Cybersecurity Fundamentals

Live Production & Trades: Lighting & Audio Routing, Stage Rigging & Scenery, Equipment Staging & Strike, Aquaponics & Urban Agriculture, Food Safety & Commercial Kitchen Operations

Professional & Leadership: Team Leadership & Coaching, Technical Problem Solving, Youth & Peer Mentorship, Cross-functional Collaboration, Operational Safety, Adaptability

CERTIFICATIONS

- Workplace Violence Prevention for Nurses
- Personal Care Assistant
- Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster
- Responsive Web Design
- Mental Health First Aid