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Hardworking with experience in business operations, computer coding, tight deadlines, and completing projects.

Portfolio Page/Blog:
Github - https://github.com/BensThoughts/blog-mdx-styled
Live Site - https://bensthoughts.dev

Steamed Apples:
Github - https://github.com/BensThoughts/apple-si-gaming-db
Live Site - https://www.steamedapples.com

NASA Astronomy Picture of The Day:
Github - https://github.com/BensThoughts/shopify-nasa-challenge
Live Site - https://shopify-nasa-challenge.netlify.app

Zero Inbox:
Github - https://github.com/BensThoughts/zeroinbox-web
Live Site - https://zeroinbox.app

WORK EXPERIENCE

Steamed Apples
September 2022 - Present
Developer
- Coded and deployed frontend and backend for SteamedApples.com
- The frontend uses React within the Remix framework
- The backend uses a Postgresql database on edge nodes hosted by fly.io
- The repository is a mono-repo. There is a backend app that shares libraries with the frontend for accessing the steam API. The backend app keeps the database in sync with the steam API from within Docker containers

Mattress Firm
May 2019 - Present
Store Manager
- Responsible for overseeing all business operations on the ground at the Prescott Valley, AZ location
- Rally the team to achieve goals and execute on the company's mission, vision, and values
- Grew the store massively, selling over $2M in mattresses, and growing gross profit by 80% in FY 2021
- Supply ordering, inventory management, recruiting/hiring, training, merchandising, advertising, making sales, customer relations/follow-up/issue management, cleaning, and building operations

Zero Inbox
Jan 2019 - Present
Developer
- Coded and deployed frontend and backend for ZeroInbox.app
- The frontend is an Angular app and utilizes libraries such as Material, RXJS, Redux (NgRX), etc.
- The backend consists of 4 loosely coupled, stateless, microservices that run on Google Kubernetes Engine
- The microservices communicate internally using RabbitMQ, Pub/Sub patterns
- MongoDB is used to CRUD data

- Redis is used as a session store

Dillards
  September 2018 - May 2019
  Sales Associate
- Top sales associate for the men's shoe department

Uber
  November 2015 - July 2017
  Driver
- Ensured that customers arrived safely to their destination while caring for customer satisfaction
- Maintained an average rating of 4.95 out of 5-stars and completed over 4,000 rides

Botanic
  November 2010- November 2015
  Owner/Operator
- Owned, operated, and built a vertically integrated essential oil company
- Designed distillation equipment to manufacture essential oils
- Worked with local farmers to purchase raw material to extract essential oils from
- Created a brand identity with packaging, labels, website, and marketing material

SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

- Languages: TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, Bash, Java, Some Kotlin/Go/Rust
- Platforms/Frameworks/Libraries: Angular, React, NextJS, Gatsby, Android
- Cloud: GCP, AWS, Firebase, Netlify
- Containerization: Docker, Kubernetes, Swarm, Compose, Minikube, Kind
- API Design: Express.js, JSDoc, Postman, curl
- Messaging: RabbitMQ, Pub/Sub, MQTT, WebSockets
- APIs: Google APIs, Gmail, Google Auth
- Auth: OAuth 2.0, JWT
- Databases: MongoDB, Redis, Some SQL
- VCS/SCM: Git, Github
- Testing: Mocha.js, Sinon.js, Karma, Jasmine,
- OS: Ubuntu, Debian, Gentoo, RHEL
- IDE: VSCode, IntelliJ IDEA, Android Studio
- Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) and SEO

EDUCATION

Harvey Mudd College
Claremont, California
Completed Two Years of a BS in Computer Science
GPA: 3.6
Attended 2002-2004

Tempe High School
Tempe, Arizona
GPA: 3.9
Graduated in 2002, Received High School Diploma