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Full-Stack Web Developer

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SUMMARY

Web developer with 6+ years of experience designing, building, and maintaining full-stack applications, integrations, and custom business solutions. My background includes enterprise software development at Best Buy, NetSuite consulting, and running my own development business. I enjoy solving technical problems and finding practical solutions. People often describe me as approachable, organized, and easy to work with. I enjoy making complex technology easier for others to understand and use.

EXPERIENCE

Kovalent Studios, Founder & Developer

MAY 2026 - PRESENT | Richfield, MN | [kovalentstudios.com](https://www.kovalentstudios.com)

- Build and maintain websites, ecommerce solutions, and custom functionality across multiple platforms
- Work directly with clients to understand their needs, troubleshoot issues, and develop practical technical solutions
- Developed a custom WordPress and WooCommerce rental booking system with location-based pricing, scheduling, customer management, and an admin dashboard

Zastro, NetSuite Technical Consultant & Developer

JULY 2025 - FEB 2026 | Wayzata, MN (Hybrid)

- Delivered 140+ NetSuite scripts and enhancements with JavaScript across 16 client engagements and multiple subsidiaries, including UI components, backend logic, workflows, and advanced PDF templates
- Built internal tools including a CRM dashboard and Asana-NetSuite integration that reduced manual tracking
- Developed a custom Orderful EDI integration converting JSON payloads into automated NetSuite invoices with 812/852 processing

Best Buy, Software Engineer

MAY 2022 - JUN 2025 | Richfield, MN (Remote)

- Built and maintained full-stack internal applications using React, TypeScript, and C# (ASP.NET), including Best Buy's internal App Store and Admin Portal
- Led development spikes for key initiatives, such as migrating hosting from Azure to AWS and building an in-house replacement for Microsoft App Center
- Implemented and optimized CI/CD workflows using GitHub Actions, ensuring efficient and independent execution
- Contributed to unit test coverage by writing frontend (Jest) and backend (.NET) tests as part of every PR
- Provided support on internal help channels, assisting teams with app release management and deployments

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Coding Bootcamp, Full Stack Developer Certificate

OCT 2019 - MAR 2020 | St. Paul, MN

Winona State University, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry / Minor in Biochemistry

AUG 2010 - APR 2014 | Winona, MN

SKILLS

Languages & Frameworks

JavaScript, TypeScript, React, C#,
ASP.NET, Entity Framework,
HTML/CSS, Next.js, SuiteScript

Web & Ecommerce

WordPress, WooCommerce,
Shopify, Elementor, Custom
WordPress Plugins

Databases & Cloud

SQL Server, PostgreSQL, AWS (S3,
Aurora), Azure (SQL, Blob Storage)

Integrations & APIs

REST APIs, GraphQL, Celigo, EDI,
Third-Party Integrations

Tools & Other

GitHub Actions (CI/CD), Git,
Postman, Agile/Scrum,
Accessibility, Technical
Documentation

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

BerganKDV, ERP JavaScript Developer

AUG 2020 - APR 2022 | Bloomington, MN (Remote)

- Built 60+ NetSuite scripts and integrations using JavaScript/TypeScript and resolved 30+ production support cases, troubleshooting and implementing fixes in production environments
- Sole engineer for custom API integrations with platforms including ShipStation, Jira/Tempo, and Dynamics 365, along with Celigo-based integrations
- Created a [Chrome Extension](#) to enhance NetSuite UI Sublist (2000+ users)

Minnesota Department of Transportation, Analytical Chemist II

NOV 2018 - AUG 2020 | Maplewood, MN

- Tested hundreds of cement, paint, and aggregate samples and generated reports for the Office of Materials and Road Research Lab
- Rewrote testing SOPs with clearer language and added detail to improve training and process consistency
- Built temporary Access databases to maintain productivity during a laboratory system migration

Dyne Fire Protection Labs, Quality Manager/Chemist

MAY 2014 - NOV 2018 | Woodbury, MN

- Managed an ISO 9001 and ISO 17025 compliant quality system while conducting chemical and physical testing of fire protection products
- Led the company's transition from ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015, ensuring continued certification
- Trained 7 laboratory employees and facilitated 10+ company management review meetings
- Conducted internal research on fire-fighting foam performance using Access database queries and pivot tables, leading to improvements in testing procedures

CERTIFICATIONS

Celigo - Lv 4 Certification (Highest Level for Integration Development) Feb 2022

Oracle NetSuite - Certified SuiteFoundation May 2021

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Best Buy Women's ERG, Communications Committee Member

JUL 2024 - JUN 2025 | Richfield, MN (Hybrid)

- Contributed to internal messaging, newsletters, and hybrid event support for a 2,700+ member ERG

Women Who Code – Twin Cities, Chapter Evangelist

JAN 2024 - APR 2024 | Minneapolis, MN

- Promoted inclusivity through team content, outreach, and event support
- Mentored women transitioning into tech careers and led meetings on career development
- Volunteer and active member from 2019–2024, until organization closure