Ben Rickel

Software Engineer

Skilled software engineer with over two years professional experience in developing user-friendly and scalable software. Expert in Java with a strong proficiency in SQL, JavaScript, CSS, and HTML. Excellent teammate and communicator who enjoys collaboration. Dedicated problem-solver committed to delivering logical and efficient solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer
November 2021 - April 2024
HOM Furniture, Coon Rapids, MN

- Developed and maintained internal and customer-facing applications and commerce websites handling high traffic volumes using Java, Spring Boot, and Maven.
- Collaborated with teammates to design efficient APIs.
- Wrote SQL queries to maintain and audit on-prem databases.
- Used templating and design languages such as Thymeleaf, CSS, and jQuery to deliver user friendly experiences.
- Conducted thorough testing and debugging of code to ensure high quality and error-free deployments.
- Implemented encryption and Spring Security authentication to safeguard sensitive customer and employee data.
- Migrated existing applications from obsolete versions to secure dependencies and libraries.
- Planned and accurately estimated project specifications.

Musician, Audio Engineer
May 2015 - Present
Freelance, Minneapolis, MN

- Performs live shows, tours, and festivals in venues ranging from local to national and international markets.
- Manages itinerary, logistics, and financial guarantees for both independent and group bookings.
- Promotes bookings, media, and merchandise to drive sales, growth, and influence for independent brands.
- Records instrumentation to fulfill contractual obligations.

Bartender, Server
June 2011 - October 2020
Pizza Luce, Hopkins, MN

- Managed high-pressure situations by multitasking with efficiency and composure.
- Demonstrated strong communication and problem-solving skills to promptly relay accurate order information between customers and employees.

EDUCATION

The Software Guild	**July 2020 - July 2021**
Normandale Community College	**August 2019 - August 2020**
Institute of Production and Recording	**August 2011 - May 2012**
Minnesota State University Mankato	**August 2008 - May 2009**

CONTACT

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SKILLS

- Java 7 -17
- Spring Boot
- REST
- Lombok
- SQL
- JPA
- JDBC
- XML
- Maven
- JSON
- GraphQL
- PCML
- Git
- JavaScript
- HTML5
- CSS3
- Thymeleaf
- jQuery
- AJAX
- Bootstrap
- jUnit
- Mockito

TECHNOLOGIES

- IntelliJ
- IBM IS400
- MySQL
- Netbeans
- Sublime
- Postman
- GitLab
- GitHub
- Tomcat
- MobaXterm
- nginX
- Jira
- Confluence
- Slack
- Google Suite
- Windows
- iOS

PROJECTS

- Campaign Manager
- Catalog Engine
- CMS
- Design Board
- FACS Integration
- In-Store Shopping
- Recommendation Engine
- Service Request
- Shopper Management
- TV Ads Uploads
- User Manager
- Vendor Management

CERTIFICATIONS

- Web Developer Bootcamp - Java
- Full Stack Development
- Server-Side Development
- Object-Oriented Programming