Ben Cook

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Software Developer

Seeks to create as much value as possible. Creative, committed to continual learning, and known for taking on responsibilities as needed. Loves to bring ideas into reality while playing to strengths. To do so, became a developer. Developed strong written and spoken communication skills, polished presentation skills, and familiarity with Agile. Enjoys learning and using foreign languages, traveling, exercising, value investing, and learning and applying new technical skills.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **JavaScript**
- **React Native**
- **Express**
- **Node.JS**
- **MEAN Stack**
- **MERN Stack**
- **Postgres**
- **SQL and NoSQL**
- **Angular 4**
- **Redux**
- **Firebase**
- **Git**

EXPERIENCE

Development Engineer, Archon Tech Strategies, Carmel, IN USA   **Oct. 2017 to Present**
Learned new skills quickly as a full stack developer. Solved many problems new to me.
- Resolved critical bugs in 3 unfamiliar and legacy PHP and mySQL apps live in production with customers
- Built an admin portal which could filter, search, add, and edit over 25,000 database rows
- Wrote full-stack code for 2 mobile apps using React Native, JavaScript, Express, Node, Postgres, and Heroku
- Gathered requirements from a customer, estimated completion times for unfamiliar tasks
- Mentored and guided an intern new to Alexa, git, and React Native in a spirit of service
- Invested personally to subcontract tasks as needed to make consistent progress and learn
- Securely called financial aggregator APIs which can interface with financial accounts
- Linked with native phone modules to access photos, share links and messages by text
- Merged code with 2 other developers and resolved merge conflicts
- In spare time learned through online tutorials, conference talks, Meetups, books, and personal programming coaches

Assistant Financial Officer, The Fountain Trust Company, Covington, IN USA   **June 2014 to June 2017**
- Collaborated in decisions affecting $100 million bond portfolio in a team of 3, vetted bonds
- Mined data to schedule teller shifts more efficiently, saved $254,000 per year
- Conducted due diligence about bank acquisition which added $72 million in assets and 3 branches

Caller, Admissions Office, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN USA   **Fall 2010 - Spring 2014**
- Recruited 18 year old males to an all-male liberal arts college in a small town
- Made 1,150 calls, connected with 300 students

Accounting Teacher, (A Teaching Center), Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China   **Feb. 2013 to June 2013**
- Prepared & taught 3-hour-long accounting classes to 3 Chinese university students during my study abroad
- Covered a 2-week trip along the Silk Road, long weekend in Chengdu, China, and life for 5 months in China

Sales Intern, Leonard McDowell, Indianapolis, IN USA   **Summers 2012 and 2013**
- Identified a lead that resulted in a $10,000 document management software sale
- Arranged 16 software sales appointments and qualified leads at 3 trade shows

EDUCATION

- **Eleven Fifty Academy**, Fishers, IN USA   **August 2017**
  JavaScript Accelerated Learning Program

- **Wabash College**, Crawfordsville, IN USA   **May 2017**
  BA History, Asian Studies minor, Magna Cum Laude