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Senior Ruby on Rails Developer

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Senior Ruby on Rails developer with 20+ years of full-stack experience building RESTful APIs, React/Angular front ends, native iOS (Objective-C, Swift) and Android (Kotlin) applications. Comfortable owning a product end to end — from PostgreSQL-backed backend architecture and test-driven development (RSpec, Minitest) through to containerised deployment with Docker, Kubernetes and Kamal — and has hands-on experience training AI models with fast.ai. A clear, structured technical communicator, especially when documenting incidents and complex systems. Increasingly working in AI-augmented workflows, directing and reviewing output from multiple coding agents in parallel. Based in Berlin, currently working remotely for a Munich-based team.

EXPERIENCE

Lanes & Planes — Senior Ruby on Rails Developer *Apr 2024 – Present · Munich*

- Full-stack Ruby on Rails development on Lanes & Planes' all-in-one business travel management platform — covering trip booking, in-trip support and expense/accounting automation.

Self-Employed — Full-Stack Developer (Freelance) *Jan 2023 – Apr 2024 · Berlin*

- Freelance full-stack Ruby on Rails and iOS development for external clients.

LIQID — Ruby on Rails Developer *Apr 2019 – Dec 2022 · Berlin*

- Became one of two remaining engineers maintaining and evolving LIQID's core Ruby on Rails platform as the backend team scaled down from twelve, ensuring uninterrupted operation through the company's migration off Rails onto Salesforce.

XING — Full-Stack Ruby on Rails Engineer *Aug 2017 – Mar 2019 · Hamburg*

- Primarily RESTful API development, with some React front-end work in between, within a ~50-person marketing engineering organisation split across 7 cross-functional squads (product, design, QA, engineering).

xbAV AG — Senior Software Engineer *Oct 2016 – Aug 2017 · Berlin*

- First senior engineering role: full-stack Ruby on Rails development in a 7-person team, working in German under a strict, by-the-book Scrum process.

AUPEO! — Software Developer *Mar 2014 – Sep 2016 · Berlin*

- Built and maintained RESTful APIs and single-page applications with Ruby on Rails, Backbone.js and RequireJS.

Klarzurwende S.L. — Software Developer *May 2010 – Mar 2014 · Mallorca, Spain*

- Full-stack Ruby on Rails and iOS development, including development and maintenance of palstek.de.

Apple Inc. — Mac Specialist *Jun 2008 – Apr 2010*

Specialist — Hamburg Sep 2009 – Apr 2010 · Hamburg

- Relocated to Hamburg and rejoined Apple as a full-time specialist.

Specialist — London (Regent Street) Jun 2008 – Sep 2009 · London

- Joined part-time (weekends) alongside MadeYouLook; moved to full-time from spring 2009.

MadeYouLook Co.uk Ltd — Web & iOS Developer *Jul 2008 – Apr 2009 · London*

- Web and early iOS development for madeyoulook.co.uk.

powerpixel.de — Freelance Web Developer *2001 – 2007 · Berlin*

- Self-taught beginnings in web development — learning HTML, CSS, PHP and SQL while building sites including my first, octiliniu.com, as part of a freelance web design practice. Those were my formative years.

SKILLS

Ruby on Rails · RESTful APIs · PostgreSQL · React · Angular · Backbone.js · iOS (Objective-C, Swift) · Android (Kotlin) · TDD / RSpec / Minitest · Docker · Kubernetes · Kamal · AWS · Git · Bash / Unix · Agile / Scrum / Kanban · AI model training (fast.ai) · AI-assisted / agentic development

EDUCATION

SAE Institute *2007 – 2008 · London, UK*

Sound Engineering

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

Languages English, German, Spanish, Romanian

Interests Guitar, photography, sailing, windsurfing

Fun fact Wrote my first programs in BASIC as a kid, on paper, years before touching a real keyboard.