Colin Summers

Rails Programmer and System Architect

Goal

To continue exploring new technologies for web development and the deployment of web services. To find an interesting project to be involved in; difficult problems and clever people are a plus.

Experience

Dec 2010 to present	**brucekapson.com**	founder

Began translating the Rails2 site created in 2009 into a Rails3 site hosted on Heroku. The graphic assets are hosted on Amazon's S3 Object Store.

Nov 2008 to present	**pattonandco.com**	creator

Created a tout board and community site for Fantasy League Baseball fans, building it with Ruby on Rails. Picked up MySQL, Ruby, CSS and Rails.

Feb 2007 to Dec 2010	**closebunch.com**	founder

Started working on a replacement to Google Groups, building it with Ruby on Rails. Picked up MySQL, Ruby, CSS and Rails.

Apr 2001 to present	**Outside the Lines Studio**	partner

Residential design of unique buildings for clients who don't fit in with the usual crowd. Started and set up the business, including Autodesk CAD stations for the two-person office and communication with the contractors and clients via websites and email. Installed and maintained the network, dealt with clients and vendors. Created and maintained the firm's website.

Jun 1999 to Jun 2005	**tightcircle.com**	founder

Created a web service which provided a community-building tool. Learned Oracle's SQL syntax, Linux commands, HTML, and a lot of tcl. Wrote the patent for the technology and business model. Acquired the patent and kept the business running (serving thousands of customers) until the intellectual property and assets were acquired by a Mountain View, CA firm.

Jun 1985 to Dec 1995	**Buggs & Rudy Discount Corporation**	hacker

Computer programmer and consultant to Penn & Teller. Wrote an electronic email system and electronic community (in Pascal) complete with an off-line reader starting in March 1987. Installed and maintained their computer network and remote laptops for a decade including a move from New York City to Las Vegas.

Mar 1992 to Jun 1993	**Podvey Sachs Meanor & Catenacci**	hacker

Maintained a network of seventy-five MS-DOS computers on a Novell network. Straightened out a tremendous mess on arrival and wrote scripts to keep the machines all up-to-date with a central repository. Developed in-house applications for tracking attorney's hours for billing. Implemented backup and security strategies.

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Education

1984 to 1991	Cornell University, College of Architecture Art and Planning
1981 to 1984	Stuyvesant High School	New York, NY
1978 to 1981	The Dalton School	New York, NY

Skills

In reverse chronological order: subversion, Heroku, Capistrano, MySQL, Ruby on Rails, Ruby, aolserver, tcl, Oracle, Linux, HyperTalk, AppleScript, Unix, Pascal, and BASIC.

Referrals

On request.

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