

Michael Richardson

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SUMMARY I am a passionate, “get stuff done” developer who loves a challenge (and loves completing it quickly even more). I’m great with people and I have strong leadership experience. I’m most comfortable with Python but I’m not afraid of other languages, especially when there’s good reason to use them. Since May of 2009 I’ve been a cofounder and senior engineer at a successful startup.

EXPERIENCE Urban Airship, Portland, Oregon
Cofounder, Senior Software Engineer **May 2009 - Present**
One of four cofounders and one of two core developers until February of 2010 when we received funding. Built the vast majority of the front end and a large portion of the API. Assisted with core messaging backend. As of September 2010, Urban Airship talks to over 30 million unique devices, over 46 million installs, has delivered almost 900 million messages and has powered almost a million transactions. Currently, focusing on scaling, front end improvements, and helping grow the business.

Vidloop LLC, Portland, Oregon
Senior Software Engineer and Team Lead **April 2008 - May 2009**
Projects focused on digital identity and the open stack. Did primarily backend development and prototyping in Python, but also worked on HTML, CSS, javascript, deployment and infrastructure (including server setup and maintenance, database management and design, scaling, and load testing). Involved in all aspects of decision-making around products. Helped to bring Agile processes to the company.

Mandate Media, Portland, Oregon
Technology Lead **April 2007 - April 2008**
Technology lead for a political consulting company. Transitioned the company away from legacy Movable Type to a Django-based system that allows for easy deployment of new sites with feature sets determined on the fly. Responsibilities included HTML, CSS and javascript work as well as backend development. Clients ranged from local labor commissioners to United States Senators and Governors.

Office of Portland City Commissioner Sam Adams, Portland, Oregon
Technology Innovation Director **January 2006 - September 2006**
Worked closely with the office staff and the Commissioner to renovate the office blog and transfer it from TypePad to Drupal. Attended technology-related conferences as a representative of the Commissioner. Advised the Commissioner and his staff on technology-related issues. Advocated for open source technologies where possible. Wrote speeches and other publications for the Commissioner or his staff.

Geekfire, Inc., Portland, Oregon
President/CEO **June 2006 - April 2008**
Lead a team of 4 developers in developing open source technologies and web development. Developed prototypes with initial releases of a javascript framework, a Python web framework, and a Python centralized login system. Personally maintained the company’s three FreeBSD development/email/DNS/web servers. Did contract work building websites for non-profits.

EDUCATION **Reed College**, Portland, Oregon
B.A. Political Science (2007)

REFERENCES Available upon request.