Russell Benzing

Senior Software Engineer

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Who Am I

Highly motivated and experienced **Senior Software Engineer** with a passion for building cutting-edge software and AI-driven cloud solutions. With expertise in full-stack development, cloud computing, DevOps, and AI/ML integration, I thrive in creating scalable and innovative products.

Key Skills & Expertise

- **Programming Languages & Frameworks:** TypeScript, JavaScript, Node.js, Angular 6-17, React, Next.js, Python, PHP, C#, .NET
- Cloud & DevOps: AWS (Lambda, S3, DynamoDB, API Gateway, EC2, ECS, IAM), Azure, GCP, Docker, Kubernetes, Terraform, CI/CD (GitHub Actions, GitLab CI, Jenkins)
- **Databases:** PostgreSQL, MySQL, MSSQL, DynamoDB, Redis, MongoDB, Firebase
- AI & Machine Learning: OpenAI API, TensorFlow, LangChain, LLM (Large Language Models), NLP, AI-driven chatbots
- Security & Networking: Web security best practices, OWASP, Secure Development (PHP/.NET), Linux administration (Ubuntu, RedHat, Arch), Windows Server, Cisco networking
- Other Tools & Platforms: Shopify Liquid, HubSpot HubL, WordPress, WebSockets, Serverless architecture, GraphQL

Passionate about AI, automation, and cloud-native development. Committed to **innovation**, **integrity**, **and delivering scalable solutions** in diverse tech environments.

Learning Experience

- 15+ years of hands-on engineering experience in API/OOP programming.
- 8+ years of mobile app development (Swift/Xcode iOS, Kotlin/Android Studio).
- 12+ years in online marketing, search engine optimization (SEO), and digital analytics.
- Extensive experience in **modern JavaScript frameworks** (React, Angular, Next.js).
- Deep expertise in serverless architectures, microservices, and cloud solutions.
- Built, scaled, and maintained 100+ high-performance web applications.

Professional Experience

Team Lead - Software Development

CallMiner, Inc. | November 2022 - Present

- Lead a team of software developers working on industry-leading **AI-driven** cloud technologies.
- Architect and develop scalable solutions for speech analytics, natural language processing (NLP), and AI-powered insights.
- Implement **serverless computing** and **microservices architecture** on AWS and Azure.
- Utilize **machine learning models** for advanced sentiment analysis and data-driven decision-making.
- Drive **agile methodologies**, CI/CD pipelines, and DevSecOps best practices to enhance software development lifecycle.
- Mentor and coach engineers, fostering a high-performance team culture.

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Optimized cloud infrastructure, reducing operational costs by **30%**.
- ✓ Integrated AI/ML-powered analytics, enhancing data processing efficiency.
- ✓ Improved deployment speed by **40%** with automated CI/CD pipelines.

Software Developer

Impulse Creative, Inc. | March 2017 - November 2022

- Developed full-stack applications using **React**, **Angular**, **and Node.js**.
- Built and managed **serverless functions** for custom integrations into HubSpot.
- Developed and deployed **Ionic mobile apps** for iOS and Android.
- Optimized client websites for performance, SEO, and accessibility.

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Increased company revenue from \$500K to \$1.5M in 3 years.
- ✓ Developed 50+ enterprise-grade websites on HubSpot and Shopify.
- ✓ Built multiple custom API connections to third-party platforms.

Software Engineer

Adknowledge, Inc. | September 2015 - February 2016

- Developed **API-driven applications** using .NET C# and SQL Server.
- Designed high-converting email templates and landing pages.
- Managed AWS infrastructure, optimizing performance and security.

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Improved email marketing engagement rates, achieving 49% CTO.
- ✓ Enhanced system performance through **AWS optimizations**.

Managing Partner

BZ Genius Inc. / Gadget Grape | January 2015 - January 2017

- Founded and scaled a **successful retail chain** for tech gadgets and hoverboards.
- Managed inventory, logistics, and multi-channel sales strategies.

Accomplishments:

✓ Generated \$500K in net profit within 3 months.

Software Engineer

ReferralClix | April 2013 - September 2014

- Designed a **multi-tenant SaaS platform** for referral management.
- Built integrations with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Mandrill APIs.

Accomplishments:

✓ Deployed over **3 million lines of code** for enterprise applications.

Software Developer

Pearl Advertising | October 2011 - March 2013

- Developed **20+ dynamic web applications** using LAMP stack.
- Created a GPS-powered iOS app for **Lee County Waterways navigation**.

Owner

Russell Benzing, Inc. | September 2011 - Present

- Provided **consulting and development** for multiple agencies.
- Built and maintained **100+ custom web applications**.

Accomplishments:

✓ Built a \$200K/year net revenue company.

Owner

Benzing Technologies LLC | January 2006 - September 2011

- Developed **45+ business websites** and IT solutions.

Accomplishments:

✓ Built a strong **network of client referrals** for business growth.

Senior Web Developer

Devious Design Studio | February 2006 - August 2007

- Managed **53+ client servers** and developed **20+ database-driven applications**.

CTO / Co-Owner

Upside Technology Inc. | December 2004 - January 2006

 Built a high-volume eCommerce platform for a multi-million-dollar company.

IT & Web Developer

Pawlik Corporation | November 2004 - December 2005

- Developed PHP/MySQL-based **real estate management solutions**.

Information Technology Specialist I

Edison Community College | August 2002 - November 2004

- Designed and implemented campus-wide IT infrastructure.

Support Technician Level 1

CallTech Communications LLC | May 2001 - August 2002

- Provided **technical support** for EarthLink dial-up users.

Education

School of Hard Knocks, Fort Myers, FL (Ongoing) Continuously expanding knowledge in cutting-edge **AI**, **cloud computing**, **and software engineering**.

Keiser University, Fort Myers, FL (2022-2023) **Associate of Science in Information Technology**

Edison Community College, Fort Myers, FL (2002-2003) Completed **2 semesters** toward an AA in Computer Science.

Cape Coral High School, Fort Myers, FL (1997-2001) Graduated with a **3.4 GPA**.

Certifications

- **✓** A+ Core Service Technician
- **✓** A+ DOS/Microsoft Windows Service Technician
- **✓** HubSpot Certified Developer