

Software Engineer

Dusty Best

I build software, solve problems, and play well with others. Any stack, any challenge.



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ABOUT ME

Full-stack software engineer with a strong foundation in building scalable platforms, internal tooling, and CI/CD systems. Experienced with AWS cloud infrastructure, Git-based deployments, and improving developer workflows at scale. Comfortable working across the stack with JavaScript, TypeScript, and Python. Passionate about creating efficient engineering experiences through clean architecture, automation, and thoughtful collaboration.

SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, SQL

Frameworks/Libraries: React, Node.js, Express, Drupal, WordPress

DevOps & Infra: CI/CD, GitHub Actions, Docker, Linux, AWS (Lambda, EC2, S3, CodePipeline)

Tools & Tech: Git, Postman, SOLR, CMS Architecture, D3.js

Concepts: Full-stack development, API development, cloud architecture, developer tooling, documentation

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

UC San Diego Extension

Database Management - 2021

Python Web Frameworks

SQL Programming

Advanced Database Management

Softstack Factory Bootcamp

Full Stack Web Development - 2019

Express

Node.js

Angular

San Diego State University

BFA in Multimedia - 2011

HTML

CSS

JavaScript

EXPERIENCE

Full Stack Developer

Jun 2021 - Mar 2025

Wondros

Los Angeles (Remote)

- Improved deployment workflows and supported CI/CD pipelines across internal and client-facing projects, using AWS CodePipeline and Git-based environments.
- Contributed to developer tooling and CMS solutions, delivering scalable sites on WordPress, Drupal, and Next.js.
- Collaborated with product managers, designers, and engineers to build reliable platforms supporting the NIH and other public sector partners.
- Managed database imports/exports and cloud hosting environments, including AWS Lambda and EC2, for production systems.
- Refined search capabilities of internal tools using SOLR and built custom middleware powering data-driven dashboards with D3.js and React.
- Wrote handoff documentation, performed code reviews, and contributed to performance monitoring and quality improvements.

Angular Developer

Jun 2020 - Jan 2021

Radlocals

San Diego

- Developed a working Angular proof-of-concept app based on UX mockups to support a local startup's MVP pitch.
- Helped demonstrate product viability to the REC Innovation Lab at San Diego Miramar College.

"Exceptionally talented full-stack developer... delivered secure, scalable, and well-architected solutions for high-profile digital efforts including NIH tools and State of California platforms."

— Brad Combs, Chief Digital Officer, Wondros