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SUMMARY

Backend-leaning software engineer, five years in TypeScript and PostgreSQL. Owns a production billing service and has rebuilt a slow API to a fifth of its response time.

EXPERIENCE

Fieldnote Labs
Software Engineer II · February 2022 - Present

- Rebuilt the search API in TypeScript and PostgreSQL; median response time fell from 900 ms to 180 ms.
- Led the move from a nightly batch job to event-driven sync over a message queue, so customer data updates within a minute instead of the next morning.
- Own the billing service: on call one week in six, with 2 incidents in 2024 and a written postmortem for each.
- Review about 15 pull requests a week and mentor two junior engineers.

Quillstone Software
Junior Developer · June 2019 - January 2022

- Built React screens for an internal scheduling tool used by 300 staff.
- Added end-to-end tests with Playwright, taking the release check from a half-day manual pass to a 20-minute run.

SKILLS

TypeScript · Node.js · PostgreSQL · React · AWS Lambda · Amazon SQS · Docker · Playwright · GitHub Actions

EDUCATION

Ridgecrest State University
B.S. Computer Science · 2019