

VLAD E. WOLANYK

INTERGALACTIC SUPER HERO

Software Engineer | Experienced Advocate | Committed to Inclusive Design

I care about building software that I am genuinely invested in, to benefit people while continually learning and challenging myself. I thrive in spaces where critical analysis and creative implementation intersect. I am resourceful, versatile and bring a radically inclusive lens to everything I do.

SKILLS

- Collaborative & Multidisciplinary Teamwork
- Creative Problem Solving
- Iterative Development
- Bug Chasing - Tracing
- Data Stewardship
- Resource Development
- Technical Planning & Leadership
- Advocacy
- Facilitation
- Mentorship

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TECHNICAL TOOLBOX



Other Technologies: NPM, Node, Ember, HTML, CSS, Cron, Kafka, Sidekiq, Buildkite, Twillio, Sendgrid, mysql, sqlite, YAML, Docker, Datadog

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

May 2024 - Present

GitLab - Backend Software Engineer

- Build and maintain key CI/CD pipeline features (e.g., merge trains, pipeline schedules) on the Verify::PipelineExecution team
- Support GraphQL development and maintenance, including converting legacy controllers to GraphQL fields
- Conduct code reviews—including community contributions—and participate in on-call rotation, issue planning, and bug triage
- Engage in mentorship programs, TMRGs and interdisciplinary collaboration

JAN 2020 - April 2024

Lillio(HiMama) - Senior Software Engineer

- Provided technical leadership on GraphQL architecture, including service patterns, pagination, schema management, and auth

Lillio continued...

- Maintained and developed a Rails monolith serving Administrators, Teachers, and Family Members, with a modern React + TypeScript front end
- Led planning and execution of new features, API integrations, and cross-functional initiatives
- Championed interdepartmental collaboration, inclusive communication, and team-building to strengthen engineering culture and cross-functional alignment
- Ensured high code quality through investigations, testing, code reviews, documentation, and on-call support

Stack included: *Ruby on Rails, React(with typescript & material UI), GraphQL, Apollo, Twilio, Sidekiq, Heroku, AWS S3, Postgres*

Majority Labs

2021 *Software Engineer*

- Helped plan and build a new digital platform for advocacy organizations and grassroots campaigns
- Delivered full-stack features (Rails/React) including CRM, campaign workflows, phone dialers, email/calendar (Nylas), SMS (Twilio), and email sending
- Collaborated with stakeholders, documented work, monitored errors, and followed agile development practices

Stack included: *Ruby on Rails, React, TypescriptGraphQL, Twilio, Sidekiq, Heroku, Postgres, Nylas, Sendgrid*

2019 *Pager Duty Software Engineer*

- Maintained and developed full-stack microservices powering the platform's event ingestion pipeline, including private and public APIs for incident response rule management
- Contributed to project planning and development, ensured test coverage and documentation, and participated in on-call support

Stack included: *Elixir/Phoenix, React/Redux, Ruby on Rails, AWS, Ember, Elasticsearch, Kafka*

Homestars

Software Engineer- Backend Dev

- 2017 • Developed and maintained RESTful API resources supporting a legacy monolith, mobile, and admin-console apps
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- 2019 • Upgraded legacy systems, resolved bugs, and contributed to interdepartmental data stewardship initiatives
- Built reusable services and integrated external tools (Elasticsearch, Salesforce, SendGrid/Twilio, AWS, New Relic) to support business logic
- Ensured high code quality with 100% test coverage, thorough documentation, and peer onboarding support

Stack included: *Ruby on Rails, React, MySQL, AWS, Elasticsearch, Sidekiq, RabbitMQ, NodeJS, Twilio*

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2017

General Assembly (Bitmaker)

- Full Stack Web Development (focus on Ruby on Rails)
- Immersive Program

OTHER EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

2003 **Sherbourne Health Center**

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2016 *Community Resource Worker*

Provided crisis-intervention, counseling, support & advocacy in multidisciplinary community health care setting. Engaged in resource & program development, implementation & evaluation. Designed & facilitated educational trainings.

2008 **UFCW Local 175**

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2016 *Union Steward, Labour Management Committee, Negotiation Committee*

Support & advocacy for unionized Sherbourne Health Center staff.

2002 **InsideOut Film Festival**

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2008 *Volunteer Programmer*

Curated Trans programming

Simon Fraser University

- Film Studies
- Gender Studies

Other Areas of Training:

Mediation, Crisis Intervention, Anti-Oppression

FUN FACTS

- I am a bit of cinephile and a couple of my own short films have screened at festivals around the world
- I love outdoor adventures and go on at least one backcountry canoe trip every year (A few years ago I did an 11 day trip down the Yukon river)
- I recently sold my motorcycle but have been riding since I was a teenager
- I have been an active member of the queer and trans communities for many years through my work, art and activism.