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Work Experience

Job Hunter

Self Employed-Springfield, OR

October 2024 to Present

I decided that I'd had enough just trying to get hired and to start intentionally engaging with things I can do to improve myself. My hobbies include the following:

Baking: This gives me experience with following instructions from multiple sources, using dry and wet measurements and measuring tools, operating and cleaning equipment (food processor, hand mixer, stand mixer, stove, and oven), and the confidence to try techniques I've never done before like browning butter. Sometimes I get creative and mix and match recipes to create something that doesn't follow either recipe. I research recipes, some of which are in metric, and I learn from things I don't like. I am not the type of person who just guesses, I work to figure out how recipes fit together which means I've also sometimes learned food science facts to make better choices.

Writing: I've learned that I don't have the stamina to produce enough short stories to make money publishing that way. I prefer writing novels anyway, so I'm writing a space opera novel. I've been doing some research into medieval history for inspiration. In the past, I've done research into editing and what editors look for. The most interesting information was about what type of errors and problems editors will leave in and why.

I am also working on an AI Engineering certificate from IBM through Coursera and plan to get one in AI Development too. I've been beefing up my use of ChatGPT to get a feel for how it handles prompts and what types of assumptions and hallucinations it makes. My intention is to use it to generate novels to sell on KDP.

I have also been interacting with Claude, Copilot, Grok, and Gemini.

Overall, I am intentionally getting experience with onboarding new information, handling criticism, learning how to handle my limitations, and persevering in things I am not guaranteed to succeed at. I'm also getting more experience at putting down the research and trying stuff out to test the quality of my information. Baking gives me experience with something I am more curious than passionate about while writing is very much a source of passion

Writer

Self-Remote

September 2004 to Present

Writing largely fiction. Subgenres include superheroes, dystopia, body horror, political philosophy, social commentary, humor, and psychological study.

I have written hundreds of thousands of words without the help of an AI.

Office Automation Specialist

United States Army Corps of Engineers-Portland, OR

June 2016 to July 2022

I worked with dozens of people on correspondence, travel documentation, and timekeeping

Education

AI Engineering Certificate in AI Engineering

IBM-Remote

May 2025 to July 2025

Certificate in Editing

Editing Freelance Association-Remote

September 2023 to September 2023

I took both the Beginner and Advanced classes

Certificate in Microsoft Office Suite

Lane Community College-Eugene, OR

March 2013 to June 2014

Included classes in Business editing and team building

Bachelor of Science in Philosophy

Western Oregon University-Monmouth, OR

September 2004 to June 2009

Minor in Computer Science

Skills

- Communication skills
- Administrative Experience
- Computer skills
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Outlook
- Warehouse experience
- Microsoft Office
- English
- Typing