Dragos Rotaru

Software Engineer

Key Interests: Rust, Swift, WebGPU, CRDTs, Edge Computing, Solana, Deep Learning, NeuroSymbolic AI, Compilers, Programming Language Design, Haskell, Dependent Type Systems, Lisp, Formal Code Verification, ML Compilation.

Experience

I am a product driven software engineer and founder with 7+ years of experience building all kinds of systems. I started my career designing hardware and writing C code, however most of my career has been full-stack dev, particularly in TypeScript/React. I am capable of picking up new systems quickly. My current side projects include machine learning on WebGPU and writing a graphics programming language in Rust. I am looking for an early stage startup or scale up where I can have substantial impact on the direction of tech and product. I thrive when given a hard challenge. I am eager to prove myself and surround myself with people smarter and more capable than I.

Anytype • Software Engineer

October 2022 - May 2023 (laid off) • Berlin (Remote)

Anytype is a Web3 Notion-like app with >160,000 users and >3k stars on github. It's peer 2 peer, open source, offline-first and e2e encrypted. I helped push through to public launch, developing the desktop app and browser extension. I was the lead developer for the widgets and onboarding systems. I also supported end users on the forum, fixed bugs and promoted refactoring to improve code quality.

TypeScript•React•Electron•Go•IPFS•CRDT•gRPC

career break 👄

I took a year off to convert a school bus into a camper and develop handy skills, as well as ski all over North America and get certified as a wilderness first responder. I built a CNC machine to produce a unique modular furniture system. I built an advanced solar off-grid electrical and automation system, plumbing, etc.

Qualio • Full Stack / Devops Engineer

September 2020 - August 2021 • San Francisco (Remote)

Qualio is a QA platform for Life Sciences / Pharma. I helped develop the customer migration and onboarding system eliminating any manual labor required from the engineering team. I helped transition our spaghetti monolith to our microservice architecture, implementing a deployment pipeline to achieve high availability and scaling OKRs.

 $Python \bullet Typescript \bullet React \bullet Node \bullet AWS \bullet Lambda \bullet Docker \bullet Cloud Formation$

Huckleberry Al • co-founder / CTO (seed stage) January 2019 - Now • Waterloo (Hybrid)

We raised ~150k in funding for our Canadian PropTech startup and took 3 products from idea to paying customers. Products include ping.buzz (b2b Saas) + huckleberry.app and web extension (b2c). When I initially joined, we turned around an outsourced project into an in-house success. I managed a small dev team + 12 co-op students from Waterloo. I designed our serverless, hexagonal, functional DDD architecture and built our data pipeline to process market feed data. We overcame many challenges, however gained minimal traction.

TypeScript

Node

React

Native

PostGres

Redis

AWS

RCO Ventures • Contractor / Consultant

April 2017 - September 2020 • Waterloo (Remote)

I started a contracting firm, hiring 3 employees and serving 30+ startup clients. My projects included web/mobile applications, data processing, devops and digital transformation initiatives. Some highlights include a healthcare billing app with a OCR system for equina.io, web/mobile app development for Toggl, MowGoSnowGo, ConstructionHub, a gig economy collaboration with Gigit x World Massage Conference, data mining for a class action lawsuit and a productized dataset of all lawyers in Canada with 10+ customers. During this time I also organized volunteers for ETHWaterloo Hackathons and meetups at AI conferences like NeurIPS.

Python•Node•TypeScript•Angular•React•Electron•Rust•Ruby on Rails•Golang•C#•Netlify•Vercel•AWS•Mongo•PostGres•Redis•RabbitM Q•Wordpress•NextJS•Gatsby•Shopify•Docker•Kubernetes•GraphQL

Emrys Analytics • Director of Analytics September 2016 - March 2017 • Waterloo (Hybrid)

I co-led the development of risk models and our underwriting application along with the CEO, insuring 84 healthcare institutions against cyber attacks / data breaches in the United States. We developed a desktop application and an underwriting engine written in Rust/Python. I built an ETL pipeline to aggregate and clean datasets. I applied models including k-means clustering and monte carlo. I also co-authored a paper on autonomous vehicle insurance data for Ford. Python•TypeScript•Rust•Electron•Postgres•AWS

Diebold Nixdorf • Software Architecture R&D Internship May 2016 - August 2016 • London

Diebold Nixdorf makes banking systems and hardware. I helped develop a redis authorization middleware to support ATMs/Banking Machines. I built proofs of concept and conducted experiments to validate decision making. I explored emerging tech like, webrtc, websockets, http/2 and support vector machines for anomalous state detection. C#•TypeScript•Angular•Redis

DELTAFi (∆Fi) • Founder / Hardware Designer May 2013 - May 2016 • London

At 17 I launched a hardware synthesizer startup and obtained a grant. I built various synthesizers and designed an innovative system called OPAH: a hardware platform running PureData DSP patches on an embedded linux system with analog expansion cards. I designed AVR32 and AVR8 based PCBs, etching my own circuit boards and fabricating them overseas. I also wrote bill-of-materials optimization scripts and marketing material.

