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Professional Summary

Full-Stack Engineer with 8+ years of experience across startups, fintechs, and software agencies in the US and Latin American markets. Proven track record delivering production-grade products using Django, Node.js, React, and GraphQL in microservices environments. Experienced leading small teams and owning technical decisions end-to-end, with a strong focus on understanding the product and business context behind every technical choice.

Work Experience

Kaizen Softworks

Montevideo, Uruguay

Team Lead

May 2024 – Present

- Took ownership of engineering team health and individual growth, partnering closely with the client-side Product Owner to refine features, define priorities, and provide technical estimations.
- Defined and enforced frontend standards across 4 Next.js applications.
- Conducted code reviews ensuring consistency and quality across a microservices architecture of 22 services.
- Implemented an end-to-end test suite with 70+ Cypress tests, integrated into GitLab CI/CD pipelines across all projects.

Software Developer

Oct. 2021 – May 2024

- Worked as a Full-Stack Developer in a microservices environment using NestJS and GraphQL as API gateway.
- Contributed to the development of 3 Next.js applications and built 1 from scratch.
- Collaborated within a cross-functional team serving Reframe Financial, a US-based insurtech startup.

Ripio

Remote (for Argentina)

Software Developer

Dec. 2020 – Oct. 2021

- Contributed to Ripio's cryptocurrency exchange platform as part of a 3-person core team.
- Rewrote core trading calculation logic in Rust, achieving significant performance improvements over the previous Python implementation.
- Participated in the technical integration of an acquired exchange platform, collaborating across a 12+ engineer team to merge two production systems into a unified product.

IPS, Interactive Payment Systems

Remote (for USA)

Software Engineer

Dec. 2018 – Aug. 2020

- Built and maintained a full-stack IoT platform for digitalizing laundromat operations across 20+ stores with 15 machines each.
- Led the full migration of the company's dashboard from a legacy PHP system to a modern Django + ReactJS stack.
- Implemented real-time machine monitoring and control by integrating the dashboard with physical hardware via RabbitMQ and MQTT protocol.
- Delivered data visualization tools covering sales analytics, machine usage, and employee attendance to support business decision-making.

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Montevideo, Uruguay

Software Developer

Nov. 2017 – Dec. 2018

- Worked across 5+ simultaneous client projects in a fast-paced agency environment using Django and vanilla JavaScript.
- Gained early production access and ownership, accelerating technical growth and building a strong sense of engineering responsibility.

Side Projects

Zalon

zalon.app

Co-founder & Full-Stack Engineer

Nov. 2024 – Mar. 2026

- Co-founded a SaaS scheduling platform for beauty and wellness professionals.
- Built the frontend with Next.js and backend with Django; integrated WhatsApp notifications, MercadoPago payments, and Google Calendar sync.
- Reached 5 paying customers before the venture concluded.
- Participated in product decisions, feature prioritization, and go-to-market strategy.

ShowApp

showapp.com.uy

Freelance Full-Stack Developer

Nov. 2024 – Mar. 2026

- Contributed as Full-Stack Developer to a mobile event discovery platform available on iOS and Android.
- Developed the React Native mobile app and Django backend.
- Grew to 1,000+ active users through iterative development and product collaboration with the founding team.

Renic

Co-founder & Full-Stack Engineer

Apr. 2024 – Oct. 2024

- Co-founded a peer-to-peer vehicle rental startup, contributing to the admin dashboard in Next.js and mobile app in React Native.
- Led end-user interviews and product discovery sessions to inform feature development.

Skills

- Backend: Python, Django, Node.js, NestJS, ExpressJS, GraphQL, Rust
- Frontend: React, Next.js, TypeScript, Apollo Client
- Testing & DevOps: Cypress, Docker, GitLab CI/CD
- Databases & Infra: PostgreSQL, Redis, RabbitMQ
- Cloud: AWS (S3, SQS, SNS, Lambda, EC2, IAM)