

Ben Jenkins

Senior Software Engineer
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Sr. Software Engineer with expertise in React, JavaScript, and Python.
Harvard graduate with experience in education and humanoid robots.

Work History

2022-03 -

Senior Software Engineer

2024-11

Hearst, Rockwall, TX

- Built CMS features for 50+ brands using **React, Redux, GraphQL, Express, Django, Python, SQL, PostgreSQL, Javascript, Typescript, HTML, CSS, Playwright, Cypress, & Jest**
- Integrated AI tools to automate metadata generation with LLMs
- Mentored jr. engineers & led technical interviews

2018-09 -

Sr. Lead Software Engineering Instructor

2022-03

General Assembly, Boston, MA

- Developed full-stack tools (e.g. manage grading across PRs, generate missing homework lists, etc.)
- Taught and mentored 500+ new developers in full-stack web development (**React, Redux, Python, Django, SQL, PostgreSQL, Express, MongoDB, Mongoose, Node.js, HTML, CSS, & Algorithms**)
- Authored & improved lesson GitHub repositories
- Promoted from Software Engineering Instructor

2013-06 -

Software Engineer

2017-07

RoboKind, Dallas, TX

- Developed robot-led autism therapy lesson authoring tools reducing authoring time by 50%, decreased author training time by 5 weeks.
- Styled robot's menu with **HTML, CSS, JS, & Python**
- Built **Flask** application to control robot behavior (speech, animations, LED settings)
- Contributed to frontend for autism therapy lessons
- Promoted from Jr. Programmer to Software Engineer

Education

2016-08 -

Master of Arts: Software Engineering

2020-05

Harvard University, Extension School - Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow for iOS Swift programming class

2014-08 -

Bachelor of Arts: Computer Science

2016-01

Thomas Edison State University - Trenton, NJ