G. Daniel Madere

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WORK EXPERIENCE

CDK Global/Roadster • Remote Staff Software Engineer Sept. 2024 - Present, Software Engineer May 2021 - Sept. 2024

- Developed and maintained Ruby on Rails code on Roadster, a web-based platform that helps car dealerships offer omnichannel sales and manages their business.
- Stepped up as an informal team leader during a period of significant transition, helping stabilize and drive the team forward after major organizational changes.
- Took initiative in managing operations, including Heroku and Cloudflare resources, and championed a culture of proactive ownership around security, technical debt, and reliability—key to keeping Roadster online during a major ransomware incident in June 2024.
- Led development efforts in application security, identity management, and single sign-on, providing critical expertise across teams.
- Designed and built a new Flask-based reporting service that securely integrates with Roadster, empowering the analytics team to deliver Python-based insights within a Ruby-centric environment. Delivered in under two weeks, this solution eliminated a third-party dependency, saving the company ~\$65k annually.
- Drove continuous reliability improvements, inspiring the team to resolve recurring operational issues and achieve a 99% average Apdex score in New Relic.
- Actively mentored and onboarded eight new engineers, conducted thorough code reviews, and supported the team through high-pressure operational periods.

U.S. News & World Report • Washington D.C. Metro Area **Senior Software Engineer** Jan. 2016 - May 2021

- Developed Django code for a high-traffic Web site, U.S. News Best Cars
- Developed a "car finder" faceted search using Elasticsearch, reducing its load time by 88%
- Led efforts to change domain name and successfully preserved our SEO
- Resolve ops issues and configure New Relic for optimal performance and monitoring

SKILLS

Python, Ruby, TypeScript, Django, Ruby on Rails, Postgres, Elasticsearch, Redis, Heroku, Cloudflare WAF and bot management

EDUCATION

B.A. History • Penn State University • 01/2005 - 01/2007