Steven Wanderski

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

4aGoodCause, Lead Engineer   Jan 2015 - Present

- Wrote the Ruby on Rails application from scratch in 2015 and migrated all existing data from the previous ASP application
- Have been the sole maintainer since 2015 while the app remains stable and relatively bug-free
- Platform generates over $20M in donations each year
- Major payment processors have been implemented, including Stripe, Authorize.net, and PayPal
- Platform includes a robust nonprofit user CRM system that includes such functionality as annual reports, donor management, CSV / Excel downloads, and billing features
- Platform heavily utilizes background workers to offload resource-intensive tasks and cron processes
- Platform includes a comprehensive test suite that includes end-to-end, integration and unit tests

Popular Pays, Co-founder / Software Engineer   Nov 2013 – Jun 2019

- Was the first full-time employee and wrote the original Rails admin application from scratch
- Graduated from Y Combinator as a co-founder in the W2015 batch
- Helped grow the company from 2 to 40 teammates
- Implemented multiple front-ends (Ember.js) that communicated with a large-scale JSON API
- Company was successfully acquired by Lightricks, Inc in 2022

PROJECTS

bxslider.com   Jan 2008 - Present

- bxSlider is a free webpage slideshow plugin written with jQuery.
- The project currently has 4k+ stars on Github.

SKILLS

Programming languages: Ruby, PHP, Javascript, HTML, CSS

Frameworks / tools: Ruby on Rails, WordPress, React, Next.js, Postgres, Heroku, Netlify

EDUCATION

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston IL   Aug 2000 – Dec 2004

Bachelor's Degree: Computer Information Systems
- Studied computer systems and networks
- Studied how to be proficient in programming languages such as C and VB.NET
- Studied database management skills including SQL and data modeling
- Studied web development technologies such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript