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Senior Software Engineer · Ruby on Rails · AI Agents & MCP

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SUMMARY

Senior Software Engineer with 7+ years building Ruby on Rails products in hospitality, logistics and fintech: from one of the first 4 engineers to Backend Tech Lead at a startup that scaled to nearly 500 hotels, to rebuilding a legacy 401(k) platform and billing at Recurly. Builds AI tooling (MCP servers, agents, Claude Code skills) into everyday development.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Engineer, Recurly Oct 2025 – Present

- Build and maintain billing features in Ruby on Rails, React and TypeScript that merchants rely on to charge customers and collect recurring revenue.
- Design and optimize PostgreSQL queries and Elasticsearch-powered search across the platform.
- Built my own MCP servers, Claude Code skills and agents that automate code review, ticket planning, test writing and debugging, making AI a core part of how I ship software.
- Make architecture and technical design decisions, and resolve technical escalations on production billing flows.

Senior Ruby Engineer, ForUsAll Jun 2024 – Sep 2025

- Core contributor to an internal Rails engine: a shared component library with its own DSL, built on ViewComponent and used across several of the company's Rails applications.
- Migrated a legacy 401(k) platform into a new application with clean architecture, consistent conventions and solid test coverage.
- Kept the existing production platforms stable during the migration, handling support, bug fixes and new features in parallel.
- Brought AI (Claude, Cursor) into the development lifecycle to speed up refactors, tests and migration work, and it became a core part of my workflow.

Software Engineer, Skydropx Dec 2021 – May 2024

- Led the development of third-party integrations, including HubSpot, and billing features for the platform.
- Built and shipped features on the core Rails application, focusing on reliability, performance and code quality.
- Diagnosed and resolved production errors, and managed the platform's GCP Cloud Functions.

Backend Tech Lead, Ayenda Apr 2021 – Dec 2021

- Promoted from Backend Engineer to lead a team of 5 engineers, working side by side with the product owner to decide and prioritize what we built.
- Defined how teams queried the database and drove performance improvements across the platform.
- Set the code structure and conventions shared across teams so they could work in the same codebase effectively, and led the design of third-party integrations.
- Mentored engineers starting their careers through code reviews, pairing and growth paths, building a culture of continuous learning.

Backend Engineer, Ayenda Dec 2018 – Apr 2021

- Joined as one of the first 4 engineers and built the booking and hotel-operations backend as the chain scaled from ~10 hotels to nearly 500 across Colombia, Peru and Mexico.
- Shipped new features and internal tools while the engineering team grew from 4 to around 30 people.
- Helped onboard and ramp up new engineers as the team scaled.

SKILLS

Languages & frameworks: Ruby, Ruby on Rails, RSpec, ViewComponent, TypeScript, JavaScript, React

Data & infrastructure: PostgreSQL, MySQL, Redis, Elasticsearch, Sidekiq, Docker, Google Cloud, AWS

AI tooling: Claude Code, MCP, AI Agents

EDUCATION

Technologist in Information Systems Analysis and Development, SENA

Sep 2017 – Sep 2019

Languages: Spanish (native), English (C1)