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SUMMARY

Producer, engineer, and event organizer with a QA and process background. Produced and engineered dozens of publicly released recordings from a home studio, and spent 11 years organizing a charity music festival that raised about \$2,000 a year for Y'all Rock Camps. Also builds software, including a cross-platform app shipped to Android and the web in 13 days.

CORE SKILLS

Quality & Testing: Automated and Manual Testing, Regression, Test Planning, SDLC, Agile, DevOps, Defect Analysis, Environment Validation, Test Case Management, Exploratory Testing, Requirements Traceability

Tools & Platforms: Jira, Confluence, qTest, Chrome DevTools, Postman, Burp Suite, Kibana, Smartsheet, Selenium, Playwright, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, VS Code, Eclipse, Git and GitHub, ElevenLabs, Studio One, MIDI, Procreate

Technical: Process & Workflow Optimization & Automation (AI-assisted, VBA/Macro Development), Software Documentation, Troubleshooting, Hardware Diagnostics

Languages: SQL, VBA, HTML, CSS, Java, Python, C#, VB.NET

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Thermal Process Development

2026-Present

Digital Transformation Consultant / Project Manager (Contract)

- Built and maintained an open-source VBA Excel add-in that turns Smartsheet exports into branded customer equipment lists, project schedules, and vendor quote packages, cutting a 4+ hour, several-hundred-click manual build to 4 clicks and about 10 seconds.

Kingdom Hell

2016-Present

Owner / Producer / Audio Engineer (Home studio)

- Produced and engineered dozens of recordings from a home studio with a separate live room, all released and streamed publicly, delivering professional-sounding music at a great value to artists.
- Programmed humanized MIDI parts for VST instruments during recording sessions, making virtual instruments sound like live players.
- Performed on several releases in addition to producing and engineering them, picking up parts artists hadn't practiced or couldn't play in the time allotted, keeping sessions moving.
- Designed studio signal routing through a patchbay, preamps, and audio interface, and moved all processing in the box, making every session fully recallable across projects that stretch over months.
- Produced and engineered all studio projects in Studio One, my primary DAW since 2011, drawing on deep knowledge of how it runs and a large set of shortcuts to move through sessions quickly.
- Diagnosed signal problems by tracing weak or degraded audio through the chain, such as clearing a healthy microphone by testing it directly into a preamp and confirming bad patch cables as the cause, avoiding an unnecessary replacement.
- Learned and configured unfamiliar effects on request mid-session, researching and experimenting so artists could keep recording without delays.

Jabroni Productions

2013-Present

Event Coordinator / Project Manager (Volunteer)

- Organized an annual charity music festival for 11 years as one of three volunteer organizers, raising about \$2,000 each year for Y'all Rock Camps, an inclusive music camp program.
- Managed venue booking, band selection and scheduling, sound and gear, and promotion for a 20-band festival with audiences up to 400, plus about 10 smaller shows a year, delivering well-oiled shows and a community that keeps bands returning year after year.
- Sped up stage changeovers by encouraging gear sharing between bands and helping performers load on and off stage, keeping a 20+ band lineup on schedule.
- Set clear, upfront expectations with performers: paid out-of-town bands fairly, asked local bands to donate their time, and directed all surplus to the charity, building trust and avoiding disputes over money.

Care Communication Board

2026

Solo Developer / Product Owner (Personal project)

- Combined an AI coding agent, generative voice synthesis (ElevenLabs), and on-device text-to-speech into one product that also plays recorded human voices, giving the user natural-sounding speech with a fallback that always works.
- Delivered v1.0 on two platforms in 13 days and kept shipping to 156+ issues, 168+ pull requests, and 8+ releases, turning caregiver feedback into 130+ shipped changes.

Geek Squad

2009-2011

Store Agent (Part-time)

- Diagnosed desktop and laptop problems by running diagnostic suites to pinpoint failing components, giving customers and Geek Squad agents visibility into what needed repair.
- Replaced and upgraded components in customers' computers as requested, including storage drives, RAM, power supplies, optical drives, laptop keyboards, touchpads, and screens, restoring and extending the life of their machines.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science, Management Information Systems The University of Alabama

2012

ISTQB Certified Tester

2012-Present