

# Tekin Suleyman

## Freelance Ruby Developer

### CORE SKILLS

Ruby & Rails	7 years	Excellent
Testing/TDD (shoulda, rspec, capybara)	6 years	Excellent
JavaScript (jQuery & Prototype)	12 years	Very good
Git	5 years	Excellent
SQL (Sqlite3, MySQL, PostgreSQL)	12 years	Very good
HTML/CSS (HTML5, CSS3)	12 years	Excellent
Linux (primarily Ubuntu/Debian)	10 years	Very good

I've also had varying degrees of exposure to: Backbone.js; Apache; Nginx; Resque; Event Machine; Redis; Memcache; SPARQL; RDF; XMPP; AMQP; SVN; Flash; ActionScript; PHP; C/C++; Java.

### ABOUT ME

I'm a highly motivated self-starter. Over the last decade, I have:

- Conceived, built and brought to market [crowd.fm](#), my own SAAS product
- Built and deployed several production Rails e-commerce apps for private clients
- Freelanced as a Ruby on Rails developer with several companies
- Produced and delivered a [three-day course teaching Ruby and Rails to beginners](#)
- Formed a digital agency that employed four and ran at a profit for seven years
- Contributed to several high-profile open source projects, include [ActiveMerchant](#) and [Rails](#)
- Helped run the [local Ruby user group](#) and founded the [Bootstrap Business Club](#)

I've also run my own club nights, DJ'd at festivals, cycled more miles than I can count and got a black belt in kung-fu!

Above all, I'm passionate about Ruby and software development in general. I make an effort to keep up to date with the latest best practices, patterns and technologies, and I understand that programming is as much about communication as it is about writing well-formed, testable, extensible code.

### EDUCATION

## MEng Software Engineering (1st class Hons)

*The University of Manchester (UMIST) [ 1997 - 2001 ]*

Areas of study included: Object Oriented Programming, Software Analysis and Design, Human Computer Interaction, Concurrent Systems, Formal Methods, Embedded Systems Development, Networking and Open Systems, Database Theory, Real-Time Systems, Distributed Systems and Internet Technology.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Crowd.fm Ltd

*Founder & developer [ 2009 - Present ]*

crowd.fm is a web app that helps event promoters maximise online exposure for their events. Aside from the design and some of the UI, I conceived, designed and built [crowd.fm](#) from scratch. It launched in May of 2012, and has since gained a small but dedicated user base. Through [crowd.fm](#), I have learnt a great deal about building and releasing online services, and acquired many skills beyond programming, including: UI/UX; marketing/communication; sales; and copywriting. I continue to work on [crowd.fm](#) part-time. (*Ruby, Rails, JQuery, Backbone.js, HTML/CSS, SQL, Nginx, Redis, Resque, Linux*)

### Ruby and Rails Freelancer

*Freelance Ruby and Rails developer [ 2008 - Present ]*

For the past year I have contracted part-time with [FreeAgent](#), working on their award-winning accounting software aimed at freelancers and small business. Working both independently and within their existing teams, I've helped to improve the product and release a number of new features. Prior to that, I freelanced as a Ruby on Rails developer for various companies, including: [Swirrl](#), where I helped to develop their Linked Data platform, PublishMyData; [Stardotstar](#), where I built high-traffic apps for TV; [Wireless Grids](#), where I developed an XMPP bot for co-ordinating collaborative music playlists; [StoreFu](#), where I helped prototype a new e-commerce platform; and [Virtuaffinity](#), rescuing a Rails app gone astray.

I also built and released several e-commerce apps for private clients, including [ranshop.co.uk](#), [steranko.co.uk](#) and [solk-furniture.co.uk](#). These sites were all powered by my own custom e-commerce platform, consisting of a set of Rails engines to provide the essential features.

During this period, I also produced and delivered a [three-day course teaching Ruby and Rails to beginners](#) at my [local hackspace](#). The course took a group of 20 developers with little or no prior experience of Ruby and gave them a solid grounding in Ruby and Rails.

(*Ruby, Rails, Prototype, JQuery, HTML/CSS, Sql, Apache, SPARQL, RDF, Memcache*)

### Raid Partnership / Raid Associates Ltd

*Founder & Technical Director [ 2001 - 2008 ]*

As joint founder and technical lead at Raid, I helped build a successful multimedia agency, providing web design, visual communication and 3D visualisation services. From humble beginnings in a spare room, Raid grew to a 4-man team, with clients that included: Adidas; Arts Council England; Contact Theatre; and Cream. As well as being the sole developer, I was responsible for much of the project management, client liaison and financial planning. I left Raid in April 2008 to focus on full-time Ruby development.

(*Ruby, Rails, PHP, Prototype, HTML/CSS, Flash, ActionScript, Apache*)

### Visuality UK

*Junior Programmer (part-time) [ 2000 - 2001 ]*

I held a part-time position at this web technology company whilst completing my Masters, performing programming tasks with Flash ActionScript and building web-based 3D environments with Virtools.

## REFERENCES

Available on request.