

KAITLYN TIERNEY

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

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US & UK citizen

Senior full-stack developer with 8 years of expertise in building maintainable systems and high-performing engineering teams to deliver quality software at high velocity

EXPERIENCE

▸ Senior Product Engineer, Intercom (Oct 2023–March 2024)

Product Engineer for Help Desk Experience team, building new features and fixing bugs for customer support agents using Intercom's web and mobile support platforms to reach millions of customers. Created an Engineering Wiki and drove improvements to address org-wide challenges with engineering documentation.

▸ Staff Software Engineer, Farewill (Jan 2021–Aug 2023)

Worked as a product engineer on cross-functional teams, and defined organisation-wide technical direction as a platform engineer. Created an engineering wiki and fostered a culture of documentation excellence across the Engineering Guild. Migrated 200k user accounts to a new event-driven distributed architecture with shared session store to support the business's cross-product sales ambitions. Introduced new tools including Next.js and GraphQL to the tech stack to support rapid development of a new online funeral plans product. Promoted from Senior to Staff level engineer in December 2021—a non-managerial individual contributor role focused on crafting solutions for the most challenging technical problems facing the business.

▸ Tech Lead Manager, Rail Europe (formerly Loco2) (July 2019–July 2020)

Managed team of 15 developers through successful rebranding and replatforming initiatives during the merger of Loco2 with Rail Europe as part of SNCF group. Technical leadership, focusing on architecture, technical strategy, recruitment, and cross-organisational process improvements. Managed PCI DSS compliance.

▸ Senior Software Engineer, Loco2 (Oct 2018–July 2019)

Core contributions across all layers of the codebase, with a focus on full-stack feature development and maintenance of Loco2's rail booking e-commerce platform. Built reusable React components (TypeScript and Redux); improved uptime stats and response times by scaling our Puma server configuration to handle increased traffic; Ruby development (features, bug fixes, refactoring) including major Rails upgrades and Ruby version upgrades; implemented voucher code discount service for marketing stakeholders.

▸ Senior Developer, Happy Bear Software (2017–2018)

Consulting developer responsible for maintaining legacy code, building (and documenting) RESTful APIs, and full-stack feature development for a variety of clients with Ruby on Rails applications.

- Back-End Developer, Open Utility (2016)

Back-end development in Python/Django, supporting Open Utility's portfolio of smart energy services. Handled bug fixes and built features for a flagship peer-to-peer sustainable energy matching software.

- Keyholder & Certified Cicerone, BrewDog (2015–16)

Social media, email marketing, events, maintaining draught system, customer service, sales, staff supervision

- Communications Manager, Center for Health & Social Sciences, Univ. of Chicago (2010–14)

Built a responsive website compatible with existing Adobe Contribute CMS; content and design for marketing materials including a series of Annual Reports (print & electronic); content strategy & information architecture

- San Diego Zoo, Assistant Librarian (2006–10)

Website and database design maintenance, SEO optimisation; cataloging; vendor negotiations and budgeting; management of serial subscriptions (\$75K+ budget); reference support

TALKS

- Librarian's Guide to Documentation, StaffPlus London 2023 & Brighton Ruby 2023

OTHER WORK

- Coach, Rails Girls London Workshop (2017)
- Coach, codebar London (2017–2020)
- STEM Mentor, Web-Making for Civic Action Workshop (2014)

REFERENCES

- Sally Lait, (formerly) VP Engineering, Farewill, sally at recordssoundthesame.com
- Lee Jarvis, (formerly) VP Engineering, Loco2, lee@jarvis.to
- Najaf Ali, Founder, Happy Bear Software, ali.najaf@gmail.com

EDUCATION

- Web Development Immersive, General Assembly, London, UK (2016)
- Medical Writing & Editing, University of Chicago Graham School (2012)
- Master of Library & Information Science, San Jose State University, California, USA (2007)
- Bachelor of Arts in Literatures of the World, University of California, USA (2005)