

# Ben Damman

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## SKILLED SOFTWARE ENGINEER WITH OVER 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Ruby on Rails, Elixir
- Javascript, ReactJS
- Hypermedia APIs
- Linux, AWS, Docker
- Sketch, CSS, HTML
- PostgreSQL, Riak
- Interested in Clojure, Rust, Go, and more.
- Comfortable resolving ambiguity.

## NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

### Senior Software Engineer, Apple Inc. ▪ Cupertino, CA ▪ 2013-2015

- Developed web-based tools and platforms necessary for high quality software build, test, QA, and deployment at scale.
- Collaborated with multiple teams across Maps, iTunes, iCloud, and Radar.

### GS-15 Digital Services Expert, U.S. Digital Service ▪ The White House ▪ 2016-2017

- Worked in the role of software engineer with teams of problem solvers to make government services simple, effective, and efficient.
- Performed an extensive rewrite of the GI Bill Comparison Tool, used by millions of veterans to explore their education benefits and school information. Comprised of two monolithic Rails applications, it was broken into smaller components using ReactJS to better align with the architectural goals of VA.gov and improve the user experience.
- Collaborated with many Federal agencies (including GSA, DHS, 18F, VA, SSA, NIST, OSTP, and OMB) around privacy, shared services, and technical onboarding topics for Login.gov.

### Special Projects Consultant ▪ Sacramento, CA ▪ 2017-2018

#### *Distressed Project: Medicaid Information System Modernization*

- Executive responsible for correcting efforts to replace legacy Medicaid Information Management Systems using a modern, modular approach with a planned total expenditure of \$500 million.
- Provided leadership to the Project Management Office, Multi-Sourcing Integration and Digital Service Team division branches. Supervised three branch chiefs directly, indirectly 18 state employees and 79 consultants.

#### *Distressed Project: Motor Voter Implementation*

- Provided product management and software development leadership to the Department of Motor Vehicles as part of a small strike team.
- Developed and deployed multiple software components from scratch, hosted on AWS, in less than nine months.
- Coached DMV and CDT staff on modern full-stack software development practices, including database design, APIs, cybersecurity, agile practices, and digital service delivery.

### Program Director, NewWave Telecom & Technologies ▪ Baltimore, MD ▪ 2019-2020

- Led a 25+ person multi-disciplinary team charged with delivering on a troubled MACBIS System Integration contract with CMS.gov.

### Consulting Engineer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ▪ Remote ▪ 2020-Present

- Providing software, cloud infrastructure, and data engineering expertise to foster Artificial Intelligence pilot projects.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Stephen Widup** — *Software Build Engineer, Apple Inc.*

Ben and I worked together on the same team for the better part of 2 years. Ben is a passionate innovator driven to “move the needle” in a positive direction. His quest for excellence down to the detail level in his solutions versus “meets the requirements” sets him above the majority of his industry peers in my experience.

He has a great ability to perceive how a given solution might not just be used initially, but how it could evolve. He enhances this ability by ensuring he understands his customers' needs in depth by distilling the complex, and occasionally conflicting descriptions, down to simple actual end user needs. I'd highly recommend Ben to any employer and would enjoy working with him again in the future. • [2017](#)

**Dustin Getz** — *Founder, Hyperfiddle.*

Ben is a people mover. I watched him come into an org, identify the pain points, and then the pressure points that can be used to enact change. Map out the stakeholders and the management politics. Get everyone aligned and then execute. Combine this with a background in modern software development and it is a formidable force to deploy in your org. • [2020](#)

**M. Clare Dunne** — *Senior Financial Analyst, NewWave.*

Ben and I worked together at NewWave where he served as Program Director. I was immediately impressed by how quickly he figured out root causes for issues. He has a great mind and was inspiring to me. He could see original solutions and has the know-how to make it happen! • [2020](#)