

# Liam A. Besaw

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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## Education

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### Western Governors University

Salt Lake City, UT

B.S. in Software Development

2016 - 2017

- Worked with and mentored fellow students
- Moderates unofficial School of IT Slack (community of 1500+)
- Accelerated courses in degree plan in order to finish early
- Achieved 3.0 GPA

## Skills

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**Proficient** Java, JavaScript, HTML5, jQuery, PHP, MVC, Laravel, Android, SQL, Git, OOP

**Familiar** Elixir, CSS, Bootstrap, AJAX, REST, Databases, APIs, JSON, XML, Functional Programming

**Operating Systems** Linux(Ubuntu), Windows 10, Windows 7

## Experience

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### Thorn Ford Dental Laboratory

Bothell, WA

Laboratory Technician

Feb. 2003 - Current

- Senior technician, trained in all areas of technical competence in the laboratory.
- Responsible for training new hires and cross-training fellow technicians.
- Responsible for learning and exploring new technologies.

### AquarLiam / ShirakuraUSA

Bothell, WA

Owner/Operator

Jan. 2009 - Dec. 2013

- Sold and shipped thousands of orders online via e-commerce platforms and targeted community marketing
- Designed, built and maintained company websites
- Implemented third party Software as a Service platform for adding e-commerce to store sites
- Imported products and served as North American distributor for Japanese aquarium supply
- Sourced, imported and sold live fish and aquarium supply

## Projects

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### ThoughtBubble

<http://thoughtbubble.cc>

ThoughtBubble is a social platform where users communicate via comic strip or panel instead of through text and emoji messages. The back end is built in the PHP MVC framework Laravel, while the front end uses Vue.js components. It is deployed to a Digital Ocean Ubuntu drop, using Laravel

Current

Forge. The Features include:

- Upload and share comics
- Social media integration
- Android mobile application (coming soon)

### Ancient Empires

<telnet://ae.satori-assoc.com:5011>

Ancient Empires is an online Multi-User Dungeon (MUD), staffed, designed and developed by volunteers. The codebase is written in the LPC language, which is a C variant created specifically for the LP mudbase. Developers were responsible for coding everything from the map and room descriptions to the complex guild and occupation systems. During my tenure there I had the following responsibilities:

1998 - 2007

- Served as lead developer for multiple realms within the game
- Designed and developed popular game areas, guilds, professions and quests
- Performed content and code reviews for team members
- Refactored legacy code to meet new game engine specifications

## Endorsements

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### Ryan Winchester

Senior Software Developer

- “Liam is an excellent programmer. He is a creative thinker who can easily come up with out-of-the-box solutions. I have had the pleasure to be able to mentor him and see him mentor many others. He is always striving to learn and improve and picks up new languages, frameworks, and paradigms very quickly. From object-oriented to functional programming, he is always improving, and I think it won't be long before I see him leading a team of developers.”

## Certifications

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2017 **Oracle Certified Professional**, Java SE8 Programmer

2016 **Oracle Certified Associate**, Java SE8 Programmer