

BRADEN SAWATSKY

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Senior, language-agnostic Full-Stack Software Engineer with proven leadership experience, seeking a full-time Engineering Leadership position

EXPERIENCE

Common Trust

July 2025 - Present

Contractor / Engineering Lead

San Francisco, CA

- Partnered with product leadership to design, build, and launch a platform that supports business owners transitioning to employee ownership
- Led development of the monolithic Laravel web application using Livewire, TailwindCSS, AlpineJS and PestPHP with tight iteration cycles to ship features quickly and reliably
- Rebuilt existing marketing website using Statamic as a flatfile CMS with static deployment to Cloudfront for long term technical SEO foundation and content strategy
- Utilized IaC to deploy AWS architecture & CI/CD for testing and production environments
- Architected and delivered a company-wide data warehouse integrating HubSpot, Teamwork, Google Workspace, PostHog, and Metabase for unified reporting
- Established SDLC standards and Linear workflows to improve delivery predictability and cross-team visibility
- Introduced cross-department AI workflows and tooling to accelerate documentation, planning, and execution
- Authored detailed technical documentation, communication standards, and engineering style guides to improve team consistency and onboarding

Outpost Travel Rental

Jan 2023 - Present

Contractor / Engineering Lead

Austin, TX

- Partnered with founders to design and launch a scalable rental operations platform for hotel traveler desktop monitor kits
- Designed the end-to-end system architecture for RFID inventory tracking with AWS Kinesis to improve asset visibility and operational control
- Built a full business management platform with Laravel and FilamentPHP covering inventory, operations, and internal workflows
- Delivered and iterated hotel-specific checkout flows using Stripe and custom integrations to support partner-specific requirements
- Built and deployed custom guest-facing amenity pages across hotel partners to support branded guest experiences and conversion

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Jan 2025 - May 2025

CTO / Lead Engineer

Denver, CO

- Partnered with product leadership to run user experiments and validate product direction before beta launch
- Led development and launch of the beta platform using React Native, Laravel, and AWS
- Supported fundraising by collaborating with investors and stakeholders on product vision, technical strategy, and execution plans
- Built a pgvector-backed dataset and fine-tuned LLM pipelines deployed through Ollama and Python tooling
- Developed agent-based LLM workflows using a graph-node architecture in Python to support advanced AI task orchestration

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fluxbucket
Principal Lead
Austin, TX

July 2022 - October 2024

- Advised multiple Texas based startups on product and engineering strategy, delivering MVPs that supported early-stage fundraising
- Led cross-functional teams of engineers, designers, and project managers from discovery through production delivery
- Built and launched production applications across Laravel, React, Next.js, and adjacent modern web stacks
- Led technical hiring support, conducted interviews, and guided transition plans for internal team ownership
- Implemented engineering best practices across IaC, observability, and disaster recovery to support SOC 2 readiness

PS&Co Brand Studio
Senior Web Developer
Vancouver, BC

April 2021 - July 2022

- Built responsive marketing sites and digital experiences across WordPress, Drupal, and Statamic
- Partnered with enterprise clients, including Nestle, to improve engagement and conversion through A/B testing, analytics, and event instrumentation
- Developed complex customer facing experiences for clients such as Avigilon & Nestle
- Built custom CMS plugins implementing complex security features such as SAML & SKIM authentication for a variety of clients
- Delivered branded microsites for clients including ICBC and Avigilon using Tailwind CSS, Framer, and Three.js

Additional experience, references & examples of work available upon request

CERTIFICATIONS

AWS Certified Practitioner, AWS Certified Developer

HOBBIES

Travel, Sailing, Swimming, Hiking, FPV drones, Sim Racing