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A recognized thought leader in product and technology across the financial industry. Focused on digital transformation, application interoperability, user experience, and open standards.

Selected Work

- [FDC3](#)
- [Common Component Framework](#)
- [How to Create a Standards Group in 5 Easy Steps...](#)
- [FDC3 & Web Intents](#)
- [The Desktop Web App](#)

Experience

FINOS

The Fintech Open Source Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization focused on promoting open innovation within financial services.

Board Member *June 2019 - November 2019*

Co-Founder & Chair: FDC3 *October 2017 - Present*

The mission of FDC3 is to advance the ability of desktop apps in finance to interoperate in a plug-and-play fashion, without prior bi-lateral agreements.

Chair: Hadouken *January 2019 - Present*

Hadouken is the open source software used to build OpenFin OS - powering applications at major banks, buy-side, and vendors across the financial industry

OpenFin

Over 80 financial firms - including many of the world's largest banks and vendor platforms - use OpenFin to build, deploy, and run thousands of applications across the industry.

Chief Product Officer *October 2018 - November 2019*

Chief Technology Officer *January 2017 - October 2018*

Directory of Ecosystem *July 2016 - January 2017*

- Drove a 5x+ increase in customer base and 10x increase in distribution by substantially expanding delivery cadence and product scope.
- Co-founded the FDC3 standards group, which successfully brought desktop interoperability standards to market with OpenFin leading the way.
- Leveraged open source and ecosystem strategy and positioning to accelerate customer engagement at major banks, buy side, and vendor firms.

ThomsonReuters

Director of OpenEkon Development *May 2014 - July 2016*

- Brought Eikon App Studio - an App Store model for ThomsonReuters' flagship financial product - to market.
- Established the UIToolkit project - a library of UI web components that significantly reduces dev time, improves UX, and standardizes look and feel across TR products.

AdFin

The joint vision of Ad-tech and Fin-tech veterans motivated by the core values of transparency, innovation, and building the best for customers

VP of Product *July 2012 - May 2014*

- Built a team and product from scratch that enabled the venture to secure early stage customers and funding.

Sitepen

A javascript focused development consultancy.

Senior Software Engineer *Jan 2012 – Jul 2012*

- Designed, architected, and developed an HTML5 charting SaaS product.

ThomsonReuters

Senior Technical Specialist *May 2000 - January 2011*

- Lead the groundbreaking use of Chromium to radically improve UX, performance, and stability in the Eikon product..
- Created a patented interop protocol central to the Eikon product.
- Pioneered HTML5 and open source adoption - shipping the first customer facing open source integrations into production at Reuters

BuzzCompany

Lead Application Developer *January 1999 - May 2000*

- Designed and built the front end of a collaboration product for companies such as Nokia and Multex. Buzzcompany was acquired by Multex in May, 2000. Multex was acquired by Reuters in 2003.

Education

Bard College - BA in Philosophy

1990 -1994

New York Studio School - Sculpture

1994 - 1995