STEVEN WEXLER

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Hands-on engineer and leader building AI products. Since 2025, founder of Krunkite, an AI-native news research companion powered by multi-agent pipelines. Previously employee #4 and VP of Engineering at Datasembly, where I built the analytics platform and grew the team from 3 to 35 through a $60M acquisition.

EXPERIENCE

KRUNKITE, FOUNDER — FEB 2025 – PRESENT

- Built and launched Krunkite, an AI news research companion that annotates articles on news sites and posts on social media. It ships as a web application, Chrome extension, and iOS app.
- Designed a multi-step LLM analysis pipeline to provide article context and cite sources. Evaluated models via OpenRouter against a $0.15-per-article cost target.
- Built a tool-calling chat agent that answers questions about any article. It reads the article analysis, searches the web, and accesses related live data APIs: FRED (economic data), Congress.gov, ProPublica, and Google Fact Check.
- Built internal agent tooling: leo-ql (code-defined agent pipelines with an observability UI and cost alerts) and an MCP server that lets agents query Postgres.
- Ran growth experiments across Google, Facebook and Reddit, creator partnerships and community launches.

DATASEMBLY, VP of ENGINEERING (Employee #4) — OCT 2017 – FEB 2025

- Grew engineering team from 3 to 35 alongside CTO, through scale-up to a $60M acquisition by SPINS.
- Built analytics platform where brands and retailers explored pricing, promotion and assortment data across 12B+ price observations per week from 150K+ stores.
- Oversaw architecture, hiring, product delivery, and cross-team execution.

HURDLR, SOFTWARE ENGINEER (Employee #5) — SEP 2014 – SEP 2016

- Built and launched iOS (4.7 rating) and Android (4.2 rating) apps for tracking mileage, taxes, and expenses.
- Led mobile architecture: a shared Cordova/JavaScript codebase with native Swift, Java, and Kotlin modules for platform-specific features.

APT LEAD ENGINEER • SOFTWARE ENGINEER — AUG 2011 – SEP 2014

- Promoted from software engineer to lead engineer; company later acquired by Mastercard for $600M.

OPEN SOURCE

LEO QUERY, AUTHOR — AUG 2024 – PRESENT

50k+ NPM Installs • GitHub | NPM | Website

EXCEPTIONS.JS, AUTHOR — MAY 2014 – MAY 2015

100+ GitHub Stars • GitHub

VOID • YII • CORDOVA PLUGIN, CONTRIBUTOR

Void (AI Code Editor) • Yii (PHP Framework) • Cordova plugin (Mobile Framework)

EDUCATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, B.S. COMPUTER ENGINEERING — AUG 2007 – MAY 2011

GPA: 3.71 • Magna Cum Laude

STACK OVERFLOW, 17k Reputation

Top 2% Contributor • Profile

SKILLS

Leadership: Building engineering orgs, recruiting & hiring, architecture, cross-team delivery
AI: LLM pipelines, agent orchestration, tool calling, MCP, model evaluation, OpenRouter, Bifrost
Languages: TypeScript, Python, Scala, C#, Java, SQL, HTML
Data & Infra: Spark, Snowflake, Postgres, MySQL, GCS, S3, Pulumi, Terraform