

# Alex Brinkman

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## About Me

I am a web developer from Denver, CO. I love coding for the web and take my craft seriously. I get great satisfaction from writing clear, simple, pragmatic code. I have 6+ years of Ruby on Rails experience, and 4+ years of Java (J2EE). I have been a full-stack developer for my whole career, always responsible for HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

When I'm not writing code, I spend as much time as possible outdoors in beautiful Colorado - running, skiing, and biking with my wonderful wife and young son.

## Skills

- I'm first a foremost a **Ruby on Rails** developer. This is the area in which I am best, and have spent the most time developing expertise.
- I'm a proficient **JavaScript** developer. I spent many years writing **jQuery** applications and transferred those skills into the **React.js** ecosystem.
- I spent many years writing **Java (J2EE)** code. My knowledge is a bit out-of-date, but I still think of myself as having a strong Java foundation.
- I built one production native iOS/Android application using the **Flutter and Dart**. I consider myself to have a working knowledge of the Dart/Flutter ecosystem.
- My current interest is **Go**, which is a nice complement to my other skills. I am a beginning Go developer with no production experience.

## Experience

MajorClarity - [majorclarity.com](http://majorclarity.com)

**Senior Software Engineer** (March 2020 - Current)

- I help expand and improve the MajorClarity platform with a small team of developers - Ruby on Rails, and AWS.

Showami - [showami.com](http://showami.com)

**Director of Engineering** (September 2019 - March 2020)

- I lead the development of the Showami platform - Ruby on Rails, Flutter, and AWS.

CKDigital - [ckdtech.co](http://ckdtech.co)

**VP of Engineering** (August 2018 - August 2019)

- I work hard at writing great code and think deeply about technology and building successful products for our clients.

**Senior Ruby on Rails Developer** (February 2015 - August 2018)

- Over the course of three years, I was a part of a strong team of developers, designers, and project managers. We used Ruby on Rails and JavaScript to develop eight successful MVP web applications within a variety of industries.

Enlightened Pixel, LLC - [enlightenedpixel.com](http://enlightenedpixel.com)

**Ruby on Rails Web Developer** (January 2012 - Current)

- Enlightened Pixel is my freelance development company where I write about development related topics.
- In the past, I've designed, developed, and maintained several small business websites using Ruby on Rails, Jekyll, and WordPress. (*Sites available upon request*).
- I co-organized the Denver Ember.js meetup group from its inception - speaking, finding presenters, and growing the group from a few people to a community of over 50 people.

Colorado PERA – [copera.org](http://copera.org)

**J2EE Web Developer** (January 2010 - February 2015)

- I worked with a small team developing the member pages and services of Colorado PERA's website. We built internal and external web applications used by 120,000+ user accounts and 2,000+ unique logins per day.

- I created and maintained JavaScript single-page applications using jQuery, and Ember.js.
- I created and maintained Java application code using J2EE, DWR, Struts, and JSPs.

## Denver Public Schools Retirement System

**Developer** (June 2007 – December 2009)

- I designed, developed, and maintained the company website and intranet web applications using the .NET framework.
- I developed and maintained in-house Powerhouse applications.

## Western Skies Practice Management

**Developer / Network Administrator** (January 2004 – June 2007)

- I designed, developed, and maintained the company website and intranet web applications using the .NET framework.
- I built SQL Server business intelligence tools and scripts for management.
- I administered the corporate network – user administration, backups, software installs, hardware purchases, etc.

## Education

University of Colorado - Boulder

B.S. in Computer Science  
Minor in Applied Mathematics