

# Nicolas Epstein

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## Skills

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**Programming Languages:** Python, TypeScript, JavaScript, Rust, Go, SQL, HTML, CSS, Bash

**Tools & Libraries:** React, Django, FastAPI, Node.js, Docker, PostgreSQL, Git, REST APIs

**Languages:** English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese

## Experience

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**Lead Developer**, Quebec Blue Cross – Montreal, Quebec April 2022 – May 2023

- Led the development of an in-house web application used to monitor and interact with repositories, CI/CD pipelines and Kubernetes clusters in real-time
- Overcame significant engineering challenges like plugins, caching and supporting legacy code
- Developed a frontend application with TypeScript and React used daily by the company's dev teams
- Refactored thousands of lines of legacy Python code to conform to modern standards and tooling

**Full Stack Developer**, Norwegian Refugee Council – Berlin, Germany January 2021 – December 2021

- Designed a case management tool for the humanitarian sector using Go, Typescript and React
- Wrote a workflow orchestration library in Go used to enforce constraints on data entry
- Developed a mobile application for Android devices using React Native

**Freelance Developer**, pluralism.xyz – Montreal, Quebec 2019 – 2023

- Reached thousands of users with interactive surveys on desktop and mobile
- Created original real-time data visualizations in both 2D and 3D using the collected data

**Freelance Developer**, premonitions.ai – Montreal, Quebec July 2023

- Built a custom embedded comment collection/display tool for an existing web stack

## Projects

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**Hacker News Clone** [github.com/sqwxl/hn-clone](https://github.com/sqwxl/hn-clone)

- Inspired by the popular tech news site/forum [news.ycombinator.com](https://news.ycombinator.com)
- Built with Django, HTMX and Tailwind CSS

**jx** [github.com/sqwxl/jx](https://github.com/sqwxl/jx)

- An interactive JSON document explorer for the command line written in Rust
- Provides a quick way to explore large documents
- Includes a search function and can output selections to clipboard or stdout

## 8-bit Computer

- Built on breadboards using basic electronic components
- A work-in-progress to deepen my understanding of CS fundamentals

## Education

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**Harvard University** – Computer Science Certificate 2020

**Université de Montréal** – Bachelor of Philosophy 2011

**Cégep de Sherbrooke** – DEC Natural Sciences 2009