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Professional summary

Agentic AI engineer and founder-operator who builds AI skills, agents and Model Context Protocol (“MCP”) and CLI tools. I use AI to ship software that stays traceable, testable and easy to change.

My specialist area is agentic-driven development. I turn ambiguous ideas into bounded, reviewable work, using Python for deterministic checks and a visible Kanban board for delivery.

I co-founded [Wordtracker](#), led its technology from two developers to around 25 and helped scale turnover roughly 100×. I now build [Stride](#), a practical agentic system in use on paid client work. Available immediately for remote, hybrid or on-site work.

Skills

Category	Technology	Proficiency	Experience and context
AI and agents	Claude Code, Codex, Gemini CLI and MCP	Very competent	1+ year. Stride and agent-assisted delivery.
	Context engineering and LLM APIs	Very competent / competent	1+ year. Structuring agent work and integrations.
	Linear, Kanban and atomic commits	Very competent	1+ year. Visible, reversible delivery.
	Stride	Expert	2026–present. Own methodology.
Programming	Python	Expert	10+ years. Agent checks, APIs and data systems.
	TypeScript and SQL	Very competent / expert	5+ / 20+ years. Web, integrations and data.
		Very competent	5–10+ years. Production API and TDD.

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Python and APIs	FastAPI, Pydantic and pytest		
Data and cloud	Redshift, AWS Glue, S3 and Athena	Very competent	5–10+ years. Partitioned data pipelines at Wordtracker.
	AWS, Docker and Terraform	Very competent / competent	5–15+ years. Infrastructure and delivery.
Practice	Test-driven development and OO design	Expert	20+ years. Red, green, refactor and design for change.

Professional experience

2026–present | Stride | Founder and agentic engineer

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- Built Stride, an agentic-driven development system that keeps AI-built software traceable, reversible and tied to a Vision.
- Built reusable skills, agents and CLI tools around bounded tasks, plans, atomic commits and independent review. The method is in use on paid client work.
- Presented [Stop building on quicksand](#) at the AI Global Festival, 2026.

Python, Claude Code, Codex, Gemini CLI, MCP, Linear, Git.

1998–present | Wordtracker | Founder and technology lead

wordtracker.com

- Co-founded the keyword-research SaaS, grew the engineering team from two developers to around 25 and helped scale turnover roughly 100× over its first decade.
- Wrote the FastAPI backend API and AWS data pipelines behind roughly 350M unique keywords, processing roughly 10B searches across 200+ territories.
- Technical leadership from developer through CEO / CTO, with hands-on product and engineering ownership throughout.

Python, FastAPI, PostgreSQL, Redshift, AWS Glue, S3, Athena, Parquet, Elasticsearch, IAM, VPC.

June 2026 | Smart-glasses integration | 1 month, remote contract

For an early-stage AI startup, built and tested a [Convex](#) reactive-database app with real-time two-way sync to smart glasses. Delivered a prototype and written findings remotely.

Constraint found: Google sign-in could not run in the glasses' embedded WebView. Recommended email-based sign-in instead.

TypeScript, Convex, Clerk, Even Realities G2 SDK, WebView.

Other projects

- 2026, [Codetidy](#): Python toolkit for inspecting repositories.
- 2026, [app-starter](#): Full-stack web starter with documented technology choices.
- 2020–present, [99bottles](#): Sandi Metz's Python refactoring exercise.

Education and recognition

- **BA (Hons) Film & Drama, 2:1**, Reading University, 1993–1996. **Computer Science & Maths**, Bristol University, 1991–1992.
- Interviewed by the [Financial Times](#) about Wordtracker's early growth.

Interests

Agentic-driven development, software design and the practical systems that make AI-built software easier to trust and change. I'm particularly interested in bringing the hard-won software development practices of the last 40 years into the world of AI. Ran the [Wam Bam Club](#) and made the feature film [Don't Let Him In](#).