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Experience

Merci

Remote

Founding iOS Engineer

February 2025 – Present

- **Co-founded and scaled** a social platform to 5,000+ DAU and **\$2,500 MRR** as the sole iOS developer.
- Reduced app binary size by 58% by pruning legacy dependencies and optimizing asset delivery.
- **Optimized monetization yield** by implementing a data-driven paywall strategy based on mobile pricing studies; utilized **Van Westendorp Price Sensitivity** principles to determine optimal subscription tiers.
- Architected the full monetization stack using **StoreKit 2**, implementing complex subscription logic and server-side receipt validation.

LinQ

Tokyo, Japan

iOS Engineer

October 2024 – September 2025

- **Owned end-to-end development** of the core chat "reply" feature for **whoo (30M+ global downloads)**; **collaborated closely with product designers** translating Figma mocks into **SwiftUI/UIKit** interfaces, managing everything from backend API integration to real-time state management.
- Resolved critical **concurrency bugs** and race conditions within the chat system, resulting in a **31% increase in crash-free sessions**.

Eureka (Match Group)

Tokyo, Japan

iOS Engineering Finalist

January 2025

- **Top 3 Finalist** for technical hackathon at Pairs (Japan's top dating app).
- Orchestrated a real-time transit app using **ActivityKit**, **Supabase Cron** and **APNs** for server-side push updates.

LINE Corporation

Tokyo, Japan

Security Engineer

June 2022 – May 2023

- Developed anomaly detection algorithms to stop fraud in high-scale game services.
- Stopped illegal currency exploitation in *LINE Gundam Wars*, *LINE Pokopoko*.

Technical Projects

PushupTax (Beta) | SwiftUI, VisionKit, Supabase

- Built an AI exercise tracker using **VisionKit (on-device AI)** for automated counting.
- Managed data with a Supabase and **PostgreSQL** backend and server-side logic.

Study Cat | SwiftUI, SwiftData, WidgetKit: Shipped a study timer app with 29,000 downloads

Juice Data: Created technical POC with Japan Venture Academy team that **secured funding** from Trust Smith & Capital

Education

University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Sciences

September 2025

London School of Economics

London, UK

Philosophy and Statistics (Study Abroad)

September 2023 – June 2024

Additional

Logistics: Australian Citizen (**E-3 Visa Eligible** - no lottery, fast processing)

Technologies: Swift, SwiftUI, UIKit, VisionKit, ActivityKit (Dynamic Island), StoreKit, SwiftData, Supabase, PostgreSQL