

# Mercedes Bernard

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I bring a unique blend of technical knowledge, non-technical language, and empathy to all of my projects. My clients and team walk away feeling empowered, comfortable, and heard.



## Education

DePaul University – Summa cum laude

B.Sc. in Computer Science

Minor in American Sign Language  
Studies



## Technology and Tools

### Languages

Ruby, C#, Javascript, HTML5, CSS3, SQL,  
Python, C++, Powershell

### Server Frameworks

Rails, ASP.Net, Entity Framework, MVC,  
Web Forms, WebAPI

### Client Frameworks

React, Vue.js, SuitCSS, Backbone.js,  
jQuery

### Databases and Database Tools

Postgres, SQL, SSMS, noSQL, Couchbase

### Other/Misc

Git, TFS, RabbitMQ, EpiServer



## Experience

### Engineering Manager

Tandem (formerly DevMynd), Mar 2019 - present

- Continue delivering on project lead and senior developer responsibilities
- Manage 5 developers including monthly 1:1s and bi-annual performance reviews
- Coach developers on client engagement, consulting, technical decision making, and leadership skills
- Collaborate with developers to set goals, stay accountable to goals, and identify career opportunities

### Senior Software Engineer

Tandem (formerly DevMynd), Dec 2017 - present

- Lead 8 person development team building custom software for enterprise clients
- Architect pragmatic solutions that allow for future extensibility in an agile environment
- Set and advocate for development processes that support the goals of the product team while maintaining code quality and developer productivity
- Work closely with design lead and product owner to set feature roadmap and determine priority and timeline for individual features
- Provide empathetic guidance and feedback to the client on product decisions

### .NET Developer

Chamberlain Group, Jun 2017 - Dec 2017

- Developed and maintained message oriented middleware system for IOT devices.
- Refactored monolithic service into 20+ microservices for device communication to simplify maintenance, code dependencies, and downstream event management.
- Implemented domain driven architecture and migrate microservices into new architecture while maintaining backwards compatibility with legacy services.

### Solutions Architect

Making Waves (formerly Nansen), Mar 2014 - Jun 2017

- Designed extensible framework solution, distributed as Nuget packages, to be used in 20+ web applications allowing more budget allocation for design and implementation of new features.
- Led technical sales process to identify key technical requirements and provide the estimates for use in proposals and statements of work.
- Migrated public facing website for national pet food company from proprietary CMS into EPiServer 7.5 resulting in increased extensibility and shorter development cycles.
- Enhanced EPiServer 6R2 ecommerce site to handle more than 2,000 orders/week.
- Created custom MVC application to manage more than 2 million customer records in lieu of a CRM system.

For a full resume of past experience, please visit [mercedesbernard.com/resume](http://mercedesbernard.com/resume)



## Community

### Founder and Organizer

Dev Together, May 2018 - present

Dev Together connects people starting their development career with technical mentors through low-commitment, high-value, human interactions. To learn more about our events and our approach, please visit [devtogether.co](http://devtogether.co)

### Conference Speaker

I enjoy speaking about topics at the intersection of technology and mentorship, communication, and learning. For a full resume of my speaking engagements, please visit [mercedesbernard.com/speaking](http://mercedesbernard.com/speaking)

- Windy City DevFest 2019
- Tech Done Right Podcast 2018
- RubyConf 2018
- THAT Conference 2018

### Board Member

Chicago Tech Slack