

# BETHANY M. SOULE

*Master of SCIENCE*

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I want to build things that people use. I want a programming position that gives me the chance to get really good at something, to master some domain. I want to dream of electric sheep.

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## *Education*

*M.S. Computer Science, May 2009*  
Columbia University, New York NY — **3.0 GPA**

*B.A. Russian, May 2004*  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI  
Minor in Painting — **3.6 GPA**

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## *Personal projects*

### *Kibotzer.com*

Automatically graph progress towards a goal such as weight loss, number of pushups, or hours worked. Bugs you regularly for a number and updates your graph.

PHP, CSS, Perl.

### *Timepie*

Tracks how you spend your time by randomly sampling from you over the course of the day.

Java, Android SDK, SQLite.

### *Numbered IMs (NIMS)*

An Adium plugin that implements a simple protocol to verify message receipt.

Objective C.

### *Babynamer*

A poll/voting website, in Reddit style. People add items and vote up/down.

Ruby on Rails.

### *Taskbot*

An instant message bot that acts as a group task manager.

Java, jYMSG API.

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## *Technical*

Javascript, PHP

Ruby (on Rails)

Java, C++, C

XHTML, CSS

Scheme

OS X/Unix/Linux

MySQL, WordPress

Perl, Python

Subversion, Git, Bzr

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## *Experience*

*FireDogLake.com*

## WordPress developer, freelance

**April 2010 – Present**

Single handedly launched [my.firedoglake.com](http://my.firedoglake.com) from implementing the theme, to writing custom wordpress plugins, customization of the BuddyPress plugin, large scale migration of user accounts and existing data for ~30K users into the new site, and addressing database scaling issues.

## *Soar Technology, Ann Arbor MI*

Student Intern

**May – August 2006**

Learned the Soar programming language and contributed code to a large existing code-base for a military simulation project.

## *Literacy\*AmeriCorps, Seattle WA*

Technology educator

**2004 – 2005**

Managed the computer literacy program (*Wired For Learning*) at the Seattle Public Library, including: developing curriculum and course materials; teaching basic computer skills classes to low literacy level and non-native English speaking adults; and the management and training of approximately 25 volunteers.

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## *About Bee*

I think of biking a century as a fun Saturday activity and tied the age-group record of 178 miles in 12 hours at Ohio's Calvin's Challenge bicycle race in 2006. I've also been known to climb stairs competitively and hold a PR of 15:38s at Chicago's annual Hustle Up the Hancock — that's 104.4 stairs per minute, baby!

I'm also a little quantification obsessed. Check out [this talk](#) I gave at the [NYC Quantified Self](#) meetup in August.