Joss Duff

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Education

Lehigh University - B.S. Computer Science and Business

August 2019 - May 2023

Courses: Blockchain Algorithms, Blockchain Concepts, Operating Systems, Database Systems, Algorithms, Game Theory

Lehigh University - M.S. Computer Science

June 2025 - May 2026

Courses: Principles and Practice of Parallel Computing, Advanced Programming Techniques

Skills

Rust, Solidity, Noir, Docker, OP Stack, SP1

Experience

Founding Engineer - Sigil L2 - Rust, Docker, OP Stack, SP1

September 2024 - September 2025

- Reverse engineered Succinct's prover network for <10% of the quoted price
- Maintained OP Stack rollup with ZK execution proving via op-succinct
- Easy to use docker-compose setup to allow users to run an RPC or Sequencer node

Software Engineer - Envio Indexer - Rust, Kubernetes, Linux SysAdmin

October 2023 - September 2024

- Implemented Ethereum JSON RPC interface
- Upgraded our EVM compatible embedded database to support alternate VMs & chains
- Wrote python SDK using Rust
- Deployed & maintained production, staging, and backup Kubernetes clusters on bare-metal servers

Projects

<u>Ultra Anon</u> - Noir, Solidity - Won Eth Denver + Celebrity Judge Award

April 2025

- Privacy token with public and private state
- Extremely viral anonymity set and full plausible deniability

Warp Toad - Noir, Solidity - Won Noir Hack 3rd place + Grant Recipient

June 2025

- Cross chain privacy mixer: deposit and withdraw anonymously across chains
- Bridging Merkle roots to and from Aztec L2 and EVM chains

Cafe Justo - Solidity, the Graph - Won Best Overall Lehigh CS Capstone Fair

January 2022 - December 2022

- Tracking wages of coffee laborers in El Salvador
- Designed, developed, tested, and deployed Solidity smart contract on an Ethereum Goerli testnet and a subgraph on the Graph network

Semi Swap - Solidity

September 2022 - December 2022

- Tasked with designing a Solidity project for the Blockchain Algorithms and Systems I TA'd for
- Designed, wrote, and tested a simple Uniswap V1 style AMM to assign to my students

Research

Framework for Compliant Privacy

June 2025 - May 2026

Masters thesis on proving regulatory compliance while maintaining privacy

Leadership

Grader, Course Designer, Lecturer - Blockchain Algorithms and Systems

August 2022 - December 2022

- Graded assignments of 60+ students
- Designed, wrote, tested, and assigned class Solidity project (see projects: SemiSwap)
- Gave a lecture on comparison of smart contract DSLs

President - Lehigh Blockchain Club

October 2021 - May 2022

- Led educational discussions with students about blockchain and cryptocurrency topics
- Recruited 100+ members