

# CHRIS CHEN

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I switched to iOS app dev in 2010, after getting bored of working with ERP software for years. I moved from Shanghai to Melbourne in 2012 and continued with various iOS/Android app projects. I've been spending nights and weekends working on Javascript full-stack side projects, getting AWS solution architect cert, and levelling up my skills in general. With 18 years of experience in the tech and a broad software engineering skill set, I am looking for a new opportunity to amplify my impact.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Open-mindedness and genuine curiosity to all tech-stack
- Ability to navigate through the ever-changing world of technology and get things done
- Ability to coach and lead junior developers with great patience and humbleness
- Ability to articulate tech stuff to non-tech people and kids!

## TECH STACK

- Native iOS: Objective-C, Swift
- Native Android: Java
- React Native: React, Redux, Code Push, Jest, Detox
- Web Front-End: HTML, CSS, React, Redux, Bootstrap, Semantic UI
- Back-End: Node, Express, Meteor, MongoDB, Docker, AWS, Heroku
- Integration: Stripe, Adyen, Apple Pay, Android Pay, Clouinary, Firebase, Segment, Leanplum, Adjust, Salesforce, Sift Science, Ravelin, 3DS
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Livein, Melbourne – Mobile Dev Lead**

Nov 2018 - Present

Working at the emerging Australian startup aiming to bring cryptocurrency to the everyday dining experience, my tasks are:

- leading and growing an aspiring mobile app team
- revamping the legacy codebases with modern tech and best practices
- meanwhile, fulfilling the business expectation of rapid feature iterations

### **Menulog & EatNow, Melbourne – Senior Mobile App Developer**

Apr 2015 - Oct 2018

Australia largest food online ordering platform, later acquired by JustEat UK. My tasks included:

- Maintaining 4 production apps
- Sustaining the healthy conversion rates while making fairly rapid feature iterations and A/B testings
- Bringing Apple Pay and Android Pay to EatNow apps (both were featured by Apple and Google)
- Implementing quite a few payment processing and security features to lower payment fraud risk
- Migrating the app tech stack to JustEat's tech stack

## **ANZ, Melbourne – Senior iOS App Developer (Contractor)**

Nov 2014 - Mar 2015

Working on an internal financial planning iPad app. The challenge was to team up with 8 senior iOS developers coming from different companies/regions, to practise an unfamiliar architecture ([My reflection on using VIPER architecture](#)), and to ship the product within a tight timeline.

## **Tickbox, Melbourne – Senior iOS App Developer**

Mar 2013 - Oct 2014

Working on a social network iPhone app targeting nonprofit organisations and volunteers. The challenge was to cope with stakeholder's radical product roadmap changes, redesign, and rebranding. The product didn't ship eventually

## **Outware Mobile, Melbourne – iOS App Developer**

Nov 2012 - Mar 2013

The first job in Australia secured within 1 week after arrival. Outware Mobile is the top mobile app agency in Australia, it has a great engineering culture. The client project I was assigned to was a horse racing app. The challenge was to gain the domain knowledge quickly enough so I could make a decent contribution among other 4 iOS developers.

## **Freelancer, Shanghai – iOS App Developer**

Oct 2010 - Oct 2012

After getting bored with the cushy corp job at SAP, I quit, taught myself Objective-C, landed the first client project, and never looked back.

- 7 client project delivered
- 1 iOS app dev workshop delivered
- 4 junior iOS developers coached

## **SAP Labs China, Shanghai – ERP Solution Specialist**

Jan 2003 - Jul 2009

This was not a typical programmer job I would expect, yet thankfully, I gained a lot of crucial soft skills just by taking angry customer calls or delivering a tech talk in a big auditorium.

- Delivering new software release rollout training in forms of webinars, workshops and screencasts
- Providing SAP consultants technical support in APAC
- Software troubleshooting and bug fixing

## **Bleum, Shanghai – Java Developer**

Jan 2002 - Jan 2003

An early employee hired by an American solo founder of his startup. I did not understand the hardship he went through in the early days. In hindsight, I owe him my maximum respect.

## SIDE PROJECTS

### [fuutr.co](http://fuutr.co), Lime-like e-scooter sharing platform

Nov 2018 - Mar 2019

- iOS app: Swift
- Back-end: node.js/express.js, MongoDB
- Hosting: dockerised container deployed on AWS
- Admin web front-end: React, Redux, Bootstrap, served on AWS S3/CloudFront

### [clickstyle.com.au](http://clickstyle.com.au), a two-sided marketplace for freelance beauty professionals

Nov 2017 - Sep 2018

- Web front-end: React, Redux, Semantic UI
- iOS/Android apps: React Native
- Back-end: meteor.js, MongoDB
- Hosting: Heroku

### [WorkoutSnap](#), a fitness/photo-editing iOS app

Sep 2016 - Dec 2016

Being a runner, I built this app to scratch my own itches. It took me 4 months from conception to launch.

- User-generated contents: <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/workoutsnap/>
- Core tech: Swift, iOS core graphics, in-app purchase
- DAU 1K, MAU 6.5K as of Jan 2019

## EDUCATION

Tongji University, Shanghai, China — *B.S. of Computer Science* 1998 - 2002

## REFERENCES

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