LORI GARDNER

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Software Developer | C# / .NET | Full-Stack Background | AI-Assisted Development

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Software professional with 11 years of experience delivering full-stack applications and technology solutions in local government, including progression to Lead Software Engineer. Built much of that experience in a small-team environment where developers independently owned applications end to end, requiring strong self-directed learning, resourcefulness, requirements analysis, troubleshooting, and delivery. After a planned career break, returned to hands-on development through AI-assisted projects in C#, Pine Script, APIs, automation, and modern web development. Now intentionally seeking a hands-on Software Engineer I / junior developer role on an established, collaborative team where I can contribute broad professional experience while deepening my foundation in modern software engineering practices and .NET development.

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS

Development	C# / .NET • REST APIs • SQL • JavaScript • Vue.js • HTML/CSS • Pine Script
Tools & Practices	Azure DevOps • Git/GitHub • VS Code • AI-Assisted Development • Testing & Debugging
Delivery	Full-Stack Application Ownership • Requirements Analysis • API Integration • Production Support
Professional	Independent Problem Solving • Self-Directed Learning • Stakeholder Communication • Technical Leadership

RECENT HANDS-ON DEVELOPMENT

Independent Software Development Projects | *2026 - Present*

- Use AI coding tools as development partners for implementation, debugging, code review, research, and learning while personally validating behavior, testing results, and making technical decisions.
- Built custom Pine Script indicators used live in personal futures trading, translating trading rules into executable logic and iterating through testing and refinement.
- Built a C# integration bridge connecting TradingView webhook alerts with NinjaTrader 8 for personal automated trade execution, working with REST endpoints, asynchronous processing, error handling, and platform integration.
- Developing additional full-stack and local AI projects to rebuild hands-on development depth and expand experience with current tools and practices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Software Engineer | *City of Westminster, Westminster, CO* | *Mar 2023 - Sep 2024*

- Led a small software engineering team delivering internal applications and technology solutions for City departments while remaining responsible for technical direction and delivery.
- Helped modernize the team's development environment by implementing Azure DevOps and moving from primarily individual application ownership toward collaborative team development practices.
- Directed a technology-stack transition toward a .NET Web API backend and Vue.js frontend, establishing a more current foundation for future application development.
- Managed hiring, mentoring, workload priorities, code quality expectations, and stakeholder communication during periods of significant staffing constraints.

Internet Software Engineer | *City of Westminster, Westminster, CO* | *May 2015 - Mar 2023*

- Worked as a full-stack developer in an environment where individual engineers generally owned applications end to end, from requirements and design through development, troubleshooting, deployment, and ongoing support.
- Built and maintained department-specific web applications and backend systems, learning unfamiliar technologies independently as project needs required and delivering reliable solutions with limited formal training time.
- Maintained systems supporting the City's public website and intranet and served as technical liaison among departments, vendors, and IT.
- Evaluated technologies and practical solutions for business needs while balancing development with production support, requirements gathering, and other technical responsibilities.

Software Engineer I | *City of Westminster* | *Jun 2014 - May 2015*

Management Intern I | *City of Westminster* | *Jul 2013 - Jun 2014*

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Technical Support, Amadeus Petroleum Inc. (2011-2013) • Training Manager / DST Liaison, IDEX Mutual Funds (1994-1997) • Account Services Manager, American Century Investments (1991-1994)

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Software Engineering — Regis University, Denver, CO

Bachelor of Arts, Health and Physical Education — University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO