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Developer Relations & Community

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COMMUNITY & DEVREL

Open Source project leadership

Sponsorship & donor relations

Conference speaking & evangelism

Technical content & docs

Cross-functional collaboration

TECHNICAL

Go · TypeScript · Perl · Bash · Lua

GitHub Actions · CircleCI · Docker

DigitalOcean · Cloudflare

PostgreSQL · SQLite · MySQL ·

Elasticsearch

EDUCATION

M.A. Medieval Studies

University of Toronto

M.A. Classical Philology

McMaster University

B.A. Hons. Classics & Modern Languages

McMaster & Univ. Freiburg

Fluent in German

Community builder with deep technical expertise. Founder of **MetaCPAN** and 2024 **White Camel** award winner. I build bridges between technical and non-technical audiences, mentor emerging developers through Google Summer of Code and Outreachy, and currently lead fundraising & marketing for The Perl and Raku Foundation.

EXPERIENCE

Fundraising & Sponsorship Liaison

May 2024 – Present

The Perl and Raku Foundation

- Secured new corporate funding through a foundation budget crisis
- Craft messaging & outreach for technical and executive audiences; onboarded multiple new donors

Builder

2021 – Present

My Mind is Racing

- Building and running a community directory of over 50,000 endurance-sport events worldwide
- Solo full-stack build (Go, JavaScript, SQLite) with deep AI integration across development and automated data ingestion

Open Source Security Contributor

May 2026 – Present

CPAN Security Group · funded by Alpha-Omega

- Grant manager and contributor for the CPAN Security Group, funded by Alpha-Omega, patching vulnerabilities in widely-used open-source libraries
- Coordinate maintainer outreach, triage reports, and land upstream fixes

MetaCPAN Project Lead

2010 – Present

Founder

- Founded and lead a platform serving thousands of Perl developers worldwide
- Manage corporate sponsorships; attendee at the annual Perl Toolchain Summit hackathon; pre-1.0 Elasticsearch adopter

Technical Content Creator

Ongoing

perl.com · The Perl Advent Calendar

- Editor of perl.com and one of the oldest technical advent calendars; author at olafalders.com

Senior Software Engineer

Sep 2012 – 2025

MaxMind Inc · Remote

- Translated business requirements into technical solutions with stakeholders
- Mentored junior developers; wrote architecture briefs; led migrations to modern stacks

NOTABLE PROJECTS

libwww-perl — maintainer of foundational HTTP libraries relied on by thousands of downstream dependencies

PrettyGoodPing · 2023 — infrastructure monitoring with real-time alerts

perlimports · 2021 — ported Go's goimports to Perl

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

★ **White Camel Award 2024** — outstanding service to the Perl community

★ **Mentor** — Google Summer of Code & Outreachy