

will schwab

SMART CONTRACT DUDE



PROFILE

Hanging out in the Ethereum ecosystem since 2017. Extensive experience developing blockchain environments, along with experience managing smart contract engineers. I love this space, I believe in the technology, and want to help make the best parts of its promise a reality. Preference is for management, though open to dev roles.

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KEY SKILLS

- Solidity (Foundry/HH)
- EVM
- Engineering Management, Team Leadership
- Analytical Skill

ASSORTED

I was a member of EthernautDAO, and also previously a multisig signer for the Ethereum Cat Herders.

I have an anon account with >2.5k rep on the Ethereum StackExchange.

I like writing:

- [Understanding Events](#)
- [Mirror Series on 0xa57](#)
- [Link to Mirror](#)

I've livestreamed technical content, and been a podcast host:

- [Solidity Fridays with Transmissions11](#)
- [ECH Podcast with samczsun](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Smart Contracts Lead

ViFi (Virtual Finance)

Jan 2026 – present

Leading smart contract development at ViFi, including auditing current code, creating roadmap to implement outstanding features prior to launch, managing external development-related comms.. Responsibilities include:

- Contributing to and overseeing smart contract development
- Offering clear input to the founders on choices affecting or related to smart contracts
- Defining smart contract tasks and establishing timelines
- Ensuring production-level readiness and implementing best practices

Engineering Manager

Alchemix

April 2024 – Dec 2025

Primary task was to facilitate the development and launch of a new version of the Alchemix defi protocol. This involves a number of interlocking parts, including the core system, a strategy layer, and a governance layer. Responsibilities include:

- Recruiting talent
- Prioritizing tasks, check-ins with devs, making sure lines of communication were clear between the smart contract devs and other parts of the org
- Defining smart contract tasks and establishing timelines
- Handling multiple audits (and audit competitions), both answering tickets and comms with both whitehats/auditors and the audit firms.

Engineering Manager/Smart Contract Team Lead

Polygon Labs

March 2022 – Oct 2023

Leading and managing the Smart Contracts team. The Smart Contract team fulfills roles across Polygon, primarily in Engineering. Primary lines of work are the specification/implementation of contracts, maintenance of extant contracts, and support. Responsibilities included:

- Building a world-class smart contract team

- Defining, prioritizing, and assigning work
- Communication between teams
- Providing insight and assistance to other teams and initiatives

Solidity Team Lead

Linum Labs

May 2021 – March 2022

Promoted internally to lead the Solidity team in Linum Labs. Responsibilities included:

- Coordinating resources between different smart contracts projects
- Scoping/Architecture and implementation
- Client relations

Catblazer

Ethereum Cat Herders

June 2021 – March 2022

Catblazer is an external ops role, searching for and solving coordination problems across the Ethereum ecosystem and beyond.

- Coordination ops
- EIP work
- Sentiment gathering
- Initiative discovery

Web3 Software Engineer

Linum Labs

July 2020 – May 2021

Software engineering across frontend (JS/React), backend (Node.js), and blockchain (EVM-based, Hardhat). Also involved in client relations, scoping & architecture. Also used EthersJS, Infura, and other web3 tools.

Wrangler

Ethereum Cat Herders

January 2019 – June 2021

I been herdin' some of them Ethereum folk now. I reckon we been at this rodeo since the beginnin of 2019. Y'all see, the network, it don't update itself now, it's a makin network updates, and if we Cat Herders can't co-ordinate all them cats, them update will just git nowhere fast-like. So after I have my grits, I grit my teeth and get a-co-ordinatin.

This role involved helping coordinate various members of the ecosystem, helping to identify ecosystem needs, lending coding skills to projects, communicating extensively in-house and across the Ethereum ecosystem to identify potential operational arenas, and more. Also included was being tasked as the official note-taker for the All Core Devs call (now ACD-E) and the Eth2 implementers call.

Blockchain Engineer

Materials.Zone

January 2018 – October 2018

Worked on creating a decentralized data marketplace on Ethereum and designing smart contracts in Solidity (with research interests in Vyper). Led governance and reputation research, also involved in mechanism design (cryptoeconomics) for the platform.