

PAYDON SMITH

Backend Developer - Austin, Tx

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

I am a software developer with a strong foundation in Python and backend development. Before transitioning into tech, I spent several years managing operations in a high-volume nightclub environment, where I developed leadership, systems thinking, conflict resolution, and problem-solving skills. I bring a calm, structured approach to fast-paced, high-pressure situations. I'm driven to continue growing as a backend/cloud engineer and thrive in environments that value mentorship, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- Python
- Cloud Services (GCP/AWS)
- Terraform (IaC)
- SQL/NoSQL
- REST APIs
- ETL Pipelines
- Docker
- Git/Github
- JavaScript/React

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Freelance Backend Developer

January 2026 - Present

- Designed and deployed a cloud-hosted inventory and order management API for a local business, including authentication, CRUD operations, automated low-stock alerts, and daily sales reporting. Built with Python, FastAPI, Firestore, Cloud Run, Pub/Sub, Cloud Scheduler, and Terraform on GCP.

Manager / Bartender

January 2019 to September 2024

Yellow Rose - Austin, Tx

- Managed nightly operations, overseeing staff coordination, customer experience, inventory control, and security procedures.
- Built strong communication, leadership, and conflict-resolution skills while managing high-pressure situations and making time-sensitive decisions.

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS:

Nucamp Software Engineering Bootcamp - Graduated September 2026

Associate Cloud Engineer (Google) - Certified 2026