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## PROFILE

Immigrated to the United States in 2005 from Denmark. Married with three children to Jamie Heinemeier Hansson. Residing in Malibu, California.

## EXPERIENCE

### **CTO, Basecamp 2003-Present**

Basecamp is the saner, organized way to manage projects and communicate company-wide. It's software as a service and we've been around for about fifteen years. I run the company together with my business partner, Jason Fried, and our lovely team of some fifty-plus programmers, designers, supporters, and sysops.

### **Creator, Ruby on Rails 2003-Present**

Ruby on Rails is an open-source web framework that's optimized for programmer happiness and beautiful code. I created Rails in 2003 by extracting it from Basecamp and continue to lead the development.

Hundreds of thousands of programmers around the world have built amazing applications using Rails. Some of the more famous include Github, Shopify, Airbnb, Square, Kickstarter, Artsy, Zendesk, and Goodreads.

### **Author, It Doesn't Have To Be Crazy At Work 2017**

It Doesn't Have To Be Crazy At Work is my latest book written together with Jason Fried. It's about how to run a calm company by forgoing the lure of excessive growth and making your time count for more.

### **Author, REMOTE: Office Not Required 2013**

REMOTE: Office Not Required encapsulates all I've learned about working remotely for the past decade. It includes all the arguments for why the time is right for remote work to blossom, and for how you can navigate the pitfalls.

### **Author, REWORK 2010**

REWORK is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Sunday Times best seller with more than half a million copies sold around the world. It's a book about starting and running businesses a better way.

## EDUCATION

Copenhagen Business School, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration/Computer Science — 2005