

**NAME**

Jillian Kozyra – Technologist & Entrepreneur (jilliankozyra@gmail.com)

**SYNOPSIS**

jillian [--developer] [--leader] [--speaker] [--verbose]

**SUMMARY**

Technologist with a focus on utilizing technology to further ideas and connecting people with solutions that are easy to use and maintain. I advocate using open source tools as much as possible and enjoy giving talks on this and other topics. My passions are encouraging people to embrace technology and solving difficult problems as efficiently as possible, generally via the synthesis of large amounts of data. I can be reached at jilliankozyra@gmail.com.

**OPTIONS****-- developer**

Devise and implement software solutions for various projects. Use web technologies such as Ruby on Rails backed by relational databases like PostgreSQL and MySQL. Led efforts at Google to scale and automate fighting spam in search results. Built framework for IBM as an intern that was publicly deployed and remains in use. Identified a problem with landlord accountability in NYC real estate and developed web application to help tenants to identify both good and bad landlords by using publicly available data to grade landlords and rental properties. Assisted linguistics researchers at NYU and SUNY Stony Brook by building an easily extensible application to enable them to draw cross-language conclusions on properties ranging from syntax to phonetics to language-specific patterns. Familiar with a variety of programming languages and frameworks, from Ruby to C.

**-- leader**

Comfortable leading teams in customer-facing environments and taking the initiative on getting things done. Happy to mentor other team members. Familiar with the agile development methodology and able to apply it to a development environment, as well as lean management principles. Always plan to build resilient, extensible systems.

**-- speaker**

Presented projects at various conferences throughout US and Europe for Symas, IBM, and NYU. Gave one of the best-attended presentations at LDAPCon 2013 and known for inciting lengthy discussions on topics like the future of open-source development. Was deemed the best public speaker in intern cohort at IBM, work was frequently presented to executives. Spoke to students about technology careers on behalf of Google.

**-- verbose**

Verbose about baking, Eastern Europe, and coding:  
<http://jilliankozyra.com/> (personal website)  
<https://github.com/jekozyra> (Github)  
<http://bakingbrainy.com/> (baking blog)  
<http://itsmypierogitive.com/> (Eastern Europe blog)

**HISTORY**

- \* Google
  - Search Quality Strategist, 2014 – Present
- \* Symas Corporation
  - Senior Researcher, 2013 – 2014
- \* StableRenters/RentSpecs
  - Chief Technical Officer & Co-founder, 2012 – Present
- \* Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (NYU)
  - Researcher, 2008–2011
  - Teaching Assistant, 2008–2010

**FILES**

- \* Education
  - **Jagiellonian University, 2012**
    - \* M.A. in Central and Eastern European Studies (Overall GPA: 4.8/5.0; Thesis: 5.0/5.0)
  - **New York University, 2010**
    - \* B.A. in Computer Science, B.A. in Russian Studies (Overall GPA: 3.4/4.0)
  - **Stanford University, 2004**
    - \* Summer studies in mathematics (Overall GPA: 3.7/4.0)
- \* Honours
  - NYU Slavic Award for Excellence, 2008
  - NYU Dean's List, 2007–2010