

# Sam Patterson

## Technical Builder & Communicator

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I've spent 15 years building at the intersection of technology, communication, and community — from founding a tech policy program in DC, to co-founding a venture-backed decentralized marketplace, to writing about Bitcoin before most people had heard of it. Today I build AI-powered tools and write about emerging technology, regularly reaching the front page of Hacker News.

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### EXPERIENCE

#### Co-Founder & Head of Operations

2015 – 2020

OB1 (OpenBazaar) · Remote

- Co-founded and helped build OpenBazaar, an open-source decentralized marketplace using Bitcoin for peer-to-peer commerce
- Raised \$9M in venture capital from Andreessen Horowitz and Union Square Ventures
- Served as developer advocate and documentation lead, managing a global open-source community
- Featured in Wired, Forbes, Yahoo Finance; presented at conferences in Prague, Guatemala, New Hampshire

#### Senior Policy Analyst & Research Fellow

2011 – 2015

Stand Together · Washington DC

- Founded and directed the technology policy program
- Conducted research on how technology policy affects individual well-being
- Created the Crony Chronicles project, a public awareness initiative on political cronyism

#### Freelance Technical Writer & Voiceover Artist

2020 – Present

Remote

- Technical tutorials and educational content for open-source projects
  - Recorded and published audiobooks on Audible
  - Blog writing with multiple Hacker News front-page hits
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### SELECTED WRITING & RESEARCH

#### **o3 Beats a Master-Level GeoGuessr Player — Even with Fake EXIF Data**

#1 on Hacker News

#### **My Grandma Was a Fed — Lessons from Digitizing Hundreds of Hours of Childhood**

Hacker News front page

#### **Visualizing Why Bitcoin Can't Work Over HF Radio**

Interactive visualization + video

## Artificial Advocates: Biasing Democratic Feedback Using AI

3rd place, Apart Hackathon — led to Apart Labs Fellowship

## Bitcoin Beginner

One of the first books published about Bitcoin (2013)

## Breakdown of All Satoshi's Writings

Analysis with accompanying video

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### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python

JavaScript

React

Node.js

PostgreSQL

Linux

Git

AI/LLM Integration

WebRTC

Self-hosted Infrastructure

Technical Writing

Developer Advocacy

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### EDUCATION

**General Assembly** — Full-Stack Software Engineering Immersive

2024

**Alfred University** — B.A. Political Science

2010

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### PRESENTATIONS

Hacker's Congress, Paralelní Polis (Prague) · CryptoEcon Conference (Saigon) · Hillsdale College Free Market Forum · PorcFest XIII (New Hampshire) · Universidad Francisco Marroquín (Guatemala) · Liberty.me