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Employee Success Story

Xueming Huang, Sr. Full Stack Developer

I was born and raised in Beijing before China's decades of rapid economic growth. My career began as a systems analyst, and I was fortunate to ride the wave of object-oriented software development into the new millennium, advancing to software architect and technical lead roles. From the start, I enjoyed solving complex problems through thoughtful design and elegant algorithms. It is one of the reasons I chose consulting. Consulting has allowed me to stay intellectually curious and continuously learn. Every client brings a unique business domain, set of challenges, and perspectives. Whether working with large enterprises or small startups, I have always found the work both stimulating and rewarding. Another great benefit of being a consultant is the opportunity to meet and collaborate with talented people from diverse backgrounds. Most importantly, it is how I met my super-smart wife, Corina, who was a business analyst at the time. We have lived in Chicago for more than ten years now.



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Cool Summertime Facts



Did you know the 'dog days of summer' (July 3 – August 11) get their name from the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation Canis Major, which rises just before the sun in late July?

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Outside of work, we enjoy traveling together and exploring different cultures around the world. We are also passionate about giving back to our community through volunteer work that supports immigrants and newcomers as they build their lives in the United States.

Favorite Client

For the past seven years, Artisan Partners has been my favorite client. Their openness to new technologies and their strong support for work-life balance have made them a pleasure to work with.

Family

My wife Corina and our three children: Steven, Peter and Charlotte (Charlie).

Hobbies/Interests

Travel, Swimming, Go (Chinese board game), Bridge.

Interesting Fact

I had always believed that no computer could defeat a human at Go because of the game's sheer complexity (with a state-space complexity of roughly 10^{170} , far exceeding the number of atoms in the observable universe). Even after Deep Blue defeated Kasparov, that belief remained intact. It wasn't until AlphaGo defeated Lee Sedol, the world's best Go player at the time, in March 2016 that my conviction finally shattered. To many Go players, it was a sad day. No human could realistically aspire to be the best player in the world.



Xueming and his family



Reminders

Mark your Calendar!



PMI Madison PDD 2026

The Hidden Powers of Project Success: The Magic of Leadership

When: September 21-22

Where: Monona Terrace, Madison, WI

Why: This two-day event will host a symposium and workshops focused on leadership and project success. Beacon is proud to once again support this great organization in our local community.

[Register now!](#)

Scrum Day 2026

Agility in the Age of AI:

Join us at Madison Marriott West on October 15th for Scrum Day! Learn from industry-leading speakers who are building innovative AI-powered products and pushing the boundaries of what modern teams can deliver. Beacon is a sponsor of this fantastic opportunity. [Register now](#) to secure your seat.



Wisconsin Distilleries – Facts and Highlights (BrewinReview.com)

Wisconsin has a vibrant and rapidly growing distilling industry, with over 30 licensed distilleries producing a wide range of spirits from small-batch craft to large-scale brands. The state’s distillery scene reflects both its agricultural heritage and modern craft beverage trends.

Notable Distilleries in Wisconsin:

1. Death’s Door Spirits (2005) – Known for sustainability and award-winning gin, vodka, and whiskey.
2. Great Lakes Distillery – Milwaukee’s first post-Prohibition distillery, using old-world methods with local ingredients.
3. Yahara Bay Distillers – Produces over 20 types of spirits.
4. Old Sugar Distillery – Famous for its honey liqueur.
5. Central Standard Craft Distillery – Family-owned, each bottle tells a story.
6. 45th Parallel Spirits – Award-winning Border Bourbon and New Richmond Rye, using local grains.
7. Wollersheim Winery & Distillery – Family-run, award-winning Blackberry Brandy and Cherry Bourbon.
8. Copper Crow Distillery – Native American-owned, blends tradition with innovative flavors like apple brandy and whey vodka.
9. Perlick Distillery – Over 100 years of family operation, producing spirits from family-owned farmland.

Employee Anniversaries

July

Gregory Perez, 2 yrs
Shawn Jones, 1 yr
Joseph Freund, 1 yr
Rocky Cabral, 1 yr
Christopher Pavelsek, 1 yr
Kathy Maglio, 9 yrs
Michael Saunders, 8 yrs

August

Ibrahim, Mohamed Ibrahim, 3 yrs
Erickson, Tyler Erickson, 10 yrs
Jordan Ward, 9 yrs
Mamatha Krishna Poluru, 3 yrs

September

Jonattan Villatoro, 1 yr
David Lemery, 1 yr
Rupali Mhatre, 1 yr
Jean Burke, 8 yrs
Darrin DeMarb, 2 yrs
Rebecca Rosenthal, 11 yrs
Zach Martin, 1 yr