

BENJAMIN J. KUZAVA

Software Engineer / Full-stack Developer

As a detail-oriented software developer, I am driven by language and the mechanisms we use to communicate—verbally, virtually, or otherwise. I bring a unique background to the tech field that includes writing, teaching and publishing both academic and creative writing. Curiosity-driven, I enjoy learning the theory behind coding; whether that's learning exactly what makes an algorithm tick, or researching the best strategies for a new videogame. Above all, I care about having a positive, collaborative work environment, and speaking up when challenges arise.

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PROJECTS

Binary Search Visualization:

Front-end app using HTML, CSS, Javascript, and third-party data from the Open Library API to visualize the process of a binary search.

IceBreaker:

Front-end game app built with React.js, React Router, and Axios that allows players to play, browse, and create grid-based levels.

Valhalla:

Full-stack MERN app built by a team of four. Users can browse, create, and edit island listings.

The Gathering:

Full-stack application leveraging React.js, Ruby on Rails, and PostgreSQL, allowing users to browse Magic The Gathering articles. Authentication users can create and update their own posts.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Administrative Assistant

Central Michigan University Writing Center | May 2020 - Present

- Worked alongside Writing Center directors and Graduate Assistants to transition the center to a fully online environment amid the COVID-19 pandemic
- Developed remote workday procedures and trained consultants on synchronous and asynchronous technologies
- Leveraged Google Apps Script to streamline data collection and appointment scheduling

Graduate Assistant / Online Coordinator

Central Michigan University Writing Center | Aug 2018 - May 2020

- Managed, reviewed, and distributed online submissions through the center's online portal and inbox
- Worked on multiple administrative projects simultaneously, both independently and collaboratively alongside fellow Graduate Assistants
- Leveraged Google Sheets, Google Forms, and Excel to manage, clean, and analyze session data

Writing Consultant

Central Michigan University Writing Center | Aug 2013 - Dec 2017

- Worked with a wide variety of writers on an even wider array of genres, ranging from resumes and personal statements to STEM dissertations and academic research
- Rigorously reviewed documents for inconsistencies in syntax, clarity, and organization
- Developed fluency in a variety of academic writing styles, including MLA, APA, AMA, and CMS

SKILLS

Software Development:

HTML, CSS, Javascript, React, Node.js, Express, SQL, PostgreSQL, Sequelize, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Git, Github

EDUCATION

General Assembly

Software Engineering Immersive

Central Michigan University

M.A., English: Creative Writing

Central Michigan University

B.S., English: Secondary Ed.