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PROJECTS

GROUP PROJECTS

Fair Weather Hiking
- Hiking App developed in React to display hike weather conditions and provide user specific hiking statistics
- Created and designed app from concept to final product
- Developed and organized API calls and completed hike info tracking.
- Spearheaded app demonstration and presented final product to student peers and industry professionals

Get Outside
- Collaborated with group members to develop Javascript app allowing user to plan a day at a park and a meal from a restaurant
- Individual contributions include API Calls and search form functionality
- Collaborated and translated project content to colleagues and Professor through oral presentation

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Employee Database
- Created Interactive Employee Database app developed in React to optimize employee data retrieval
- Developed search bar which allows the user to search employees by first name, last name, or location
- Designed sort function which allows the user to sort by years of service ascending or descending

Online/Offline Budget Tracker
- Produced Express app which allows the user to track their income and expenditures
- Built in PWA characteristics so the app is fully functional when the user is offline

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Coding Boot Camp
Nov 2019 - May 2020 | Bellevue, WA

Excelled in fast paced Full Stack Developer program

Collaborated and directed several projects with group members and individual projects

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
2008 - 2012 | Bellingham, WA

UNIVERSITY OF HULL

Political Science Exchange Program
2010 | Hull, East Yorkshire, UK

SKILLS

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient in
JavaScript • JQuery • TypeScript • Node.js • Express.js React • HTML • CSS • Bootstrap • Git • MySQL • NoSQL • IndexDB • MongoDB • Bash

OTHER SKILLS

Proficient in
Sales and Use Tax Law • Sales and Use Tax Audits • International Product Compliance • Product Sales Metrics - Collection and Visualization • International Market Research • Vendor Management

WORK EXPERIENCE

COSTCO WHOLESALE

2012 - Present | Issaquah, WA

Inventory Control Specialist
Feb 2018 - Present
- Provided logistical and operational support to vendors and international warehouses for supply chain tactics.
- Ensured product compliance and streamlined product standard protocols in international marketplaces.
- Established relationships with vendors to ensure customer satisfaction and resolve supply chain issues
- Successfully negotiated and supported vendor funded markdowns and promotions of key products

Tax Accountant
Jul 2013 – Feb 2018
- Independently managed and reviewed sales tax claims for online and in-store purchases as forward facing customer service representative
- Facilitated communication between customers and warehouses to answer sales tax related inquiries
- Conducted deep research to guarantee compliance with state and local sales tax law
- Earned the trust of retail based customers that use Costco for their business needs, a key Costco customer group.

Reservation Agent
Nov 2012 – Jul 2013
- Maintained product expertise to guarantee I provided the best experience possible for our customers.
- Provided quick and accessible assistance for customers that wanted to change their bookings
- Worked directly with cruise lines to solve reservation problems
- Received excellence award twice in two quarters of eligibility