

# Matt Benson

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

#### CODING BOOT CAMP

Nov 2019 - Present | Bellevue, WA

### WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

#### BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2008 - 2012 | Bellingham, WA

### UNIVERSITY OF HULL

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2010 | Hull, East Yorkshire, UK

## SKILLS

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient with

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

### 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

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### READING TUTOR | COSTCO READING PROGRAM

Jan 2013 - May 2019 | Issaquah, WA

- Tutor elementary school children in general literacy
- Work to mentor children from under served groups

### FIELDWORK AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT |

#### COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2012 | Bellingham, WA

- Worked with undocumented workers in Whatcom County
- Coordinated outreach events at local farms
- Researched demographic data

## INTERESTS

### PERSONAL HOBBIES

• Training for and competing in trail races • Traveling • Hiking and Mountaineering • Gardening

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### INVENTORY CONTROL SPECIALIST | COSTCO WHOLESALE

Feb 2018 - Present | Issaquah, WA

- Generate purchase orders to vendors for international Costco warehouses
- Ensure product compliance is followed across international marketplaces
- Manage relationships between international teams and US vendors
- Work with vendors to resolve supply chain issues
- Negotiate vendor funded markdowns and promotions
- Monitor and report on product performance metrics

### TAX ACCOUNTANT | COSTCO WHOLESALE

Jul 2013 - Feb 2018 | Issaquah, WA

- Reviewed and processed sales tax exemption claims for online and in-store purchases
- Compiled and prepared documents for auditors
- Facilitate communication between customers and warehouses to answer sales tax related inquiries
- Conduct deep research to guarantee compliance with state and local sales tax law
- Earn the trust of retail based customers that use Costco for their business needs, a key Costco customer group.

### CRUISE RESERVATION AGENT | COSTCO WHOLESALE

Nov 2012 - Jul 2013 | Issaquah, WA

- 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
- Work directly with cruise lines to solve reservation problems
- Received excellence award twice in two quarters of eligibility

### FRANCHISE MANAGER | PERFECT IMPRESSIONS PAINTING

May 2012 - Sept 2012 | Bellingham, WA

- Managed a crew of painters
- Bid and sold exterior house painting jobs to clients, accurately predicting the cost of labor and supplies and providing accurate timelines for completion.
- Grew the business with excellent word of mouth recommendations and repeat customers by earning trust and providing excellent quality at an affordable price