DEVON SMITH

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What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?

WEB DEVELOPER | FRONT END | FULL STACK

I have 2+ years' web development experience working primarily on front end with some full stack projects in the mix. I am also an accomplished international glass artist and have owned my own business for 10+ years. The similarity between the complex assembly required in the creation of intricate glass pieces and the puzzle-like nature of coding is striking. My strong background in art has given me a keen eye for color patterns and aesthetics which has inspired my work in front end development. As a glass artist I often worked on collaborative projects, gathering experience in both leadership and supporting roles. Finally, as a TA at Burlington Code Academy, I utilized my natural capacity for patience and ability to effectively express complex ideas in compelling ways.

Languages .... JavaScript/TypeScript | Node | HTML5 | CSS/Sass
Front End Frameworks...ReactJS | Gatsby | Next.js | React Native | Vue JS | Electron
Back End Frameworks ....Express.JS | NestJS | Electron
Databases...PostgreSQL | MongoDB | Firebase
Applications & Tools .... GitHub | Contentful | Visual Studio Code | Postman | pgAdmin | Docker

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Collaboration / Team Player
- Teaching / Patience
- Leading Teams / Decisiveness

- Time Management
- Self-Promotion / Marketing
- Art / Drawing / Photography

- Creative Problem Solver
- Flexible / Open-Minded
- Risk Taker

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Future Foundry   **San Francisco, CA**   **Jun 2021 – Present**
Software engineering agency working with preexisting products or a design team to find and architect the best, scalable, yet lean solutions, while writing quality code.
Junior Full Stack Engineer – Contract
Developing (primarily) front end projects based on design teams' layouts, incorporating elegant animations, and providing pre-launch feedback. Clients include Better Brand, Eleusis, Make.com, Bev Mart, Lux Capitol, Lux Annual, Lux Saber, U.S. Marines, and Real World. Key projects examples:
- **Better Brand** – Added all micro-animations to page content and styled Shop page (https://eatbetter.com/)
- **Eleusis** – Built out Blog page and updated News & Views page (https://www.eleusisltd.com/)
- **Make.com** – Contributed to project from greenfield to launch; designed and built all pages and helped layout, populate, and design Contentful (https://www.make.com/en)
- **Bev Mart** – Built service to connect Shopify web store to a warehouse fulfillment center

Burlington Code Academy   **Burlington, VT**   **Apr 2020 – Jun 2021**
Technology school offering award-winning web development and UX/UI design courses which emphasize teamwork, career-readiness, and the importance of collaborative learning.
Teaching Assistant – Web Development
In support of a MERN stack-focused curriculum, provided one-on-one support to students (including debugging), ran weekly study sessions, offered private tutoring, delivered curriculum feedback, and graded projects.

Flyin' Ryan Foundation   **Shelburne, VT**   **Apr 2020**
A Shelburne, VT-based non-profit honoring the memory of Ryan Hawks through adventure scholarships to area high schoolers promoting the Core Values Matter philosophy (https://flyinryanchallenge.herokuapp.com).
Developer (Capstone Project, Burlington Code Academy)
The project goal was to expand the reach of the *Core Values Matter* philosophy beyond schools. Created an easy-to-use mobile-first web application using full FERN stack that guides users through a series of questions which helps identify their personal core values.
- Took the lead in styling decisions; created three levels of user authentication (visitor, user, admin)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pandemic Glass   **Burlington, VT & Reno, NV**   **Jun 2014 – Present**
Owner (Supreme Ruler)
Create custom, artistic glass sculptures based on client requests. Design and create collaborative works with teams of up to 10 people. Create and manage the online presence for the company.

- Took on an apprentice in March 2022; providing instruction on how to create glasswork, manage a studio, sell work, generate profit, and other life skills
- Within first 2 months of learning the craft, took part in a 10-person collaboration that has been on display across the U.S.
- Sold work in Australia, England, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and other European countries
- Multiple reviews and interviews (example: https://bit.ly/2USz7k2)

Various Mountains   **NJ, CO, VT, NY**   **(winters) Nov 2008 – Mar 2014**
Ski Instructor, Snowboard Instructor, Lift Operator
Worked at Mountain Creek (NJ), Copper Mountain (CO), Jay Peak and Sugarbush Resort (VT), and Mount Peter Ski and ride (NY). As a ski and snowboard instructor provided all day lessons to students aged 3 to 18 and provided detailed reports to parents and supervisors. As a lift operator operated lifts while maintaining approach and/or landing areas.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Full Stack Developer Certificate .... Burlington Code Academy .... Apr 2020
- Enlisted as a tutor halfway through the course

Flameworking & Sculpture Courses .... Penland School of Craft .... Mar 2013
Various Glass Intensives...................................... with Leo Tecosky, Beth Lipman, Jon Almaguer, Tito .... 2011 – 2012
Level 1 AASI Certification .... American Association of Snowboard Instructors .... 2008 – 2012
Photography & Liberal Arts Courses .... Community Colleges (Rockland and Orange County)............................... 2009 – 2010

COMMUNITY

Dungeons and Dragons..Campaign Co-organizer.. 2009 – Present
Pick-up Soccer / Champlain Valley Expo ....Athlete / Center-Mid.. Winter 2020
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