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SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

Design: Rapid Prototyping Tools: Figma, Sketch, Adobe XD | Graphic Design Software: Photoshop, Clip Studio | Responsive Design | Accessibility Principles | Journey Mapping | Design Principles | Management: Risk Management Strategies | Mentorship | Time Management and Prioritization | Technical: Analytics | Usability Testing | React/Redux | JavaScript | TypeScript | CSS/Sass/Tailwind/BEM | C# | Ruby on Rails | Python | REST API | AWS/GCP | Jest/Testing | Git | PWAs | Heroku | TDD | CI/CD

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder of Leetnight

September 2024 - Present

• Became an official community organizer at Dev Edmonton Society and founded LeetNight—a community initiative designed to bring coding enthusiasts together for collaborative problem-solving on LeetCode. This organization is proudly supported by Dev Edmonton Society and Aleo. View Organization

Senior Front End Developer

April 2024 - October 2024

Stealth Startup

- Engaged in confidential projects within the AI sector, focusing on product design and user experience optimization
- Applied advanced expertise in prototyping with a high focus on user experience to drive development of customizable dashboards and image generation

Full Stack Developer

January 2018 - January 2024

Vertical City, Edmonton, Alberta

- Drove the collaborative development of an innovative campaign proposal tool for a leading Canadian media agency, resulting in a 30% increase in campaign revenue and fostering stronger partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Led a high-performing team to create engaging digital screen features tailored for various digital elevator devices, ensuring backward compatibility. The introduction of these features, coupled with developing screen cross-compatibility, enabled us to onboard prestigious properties such as Home Depot Headquarters and the Sphere in Los Angeles.
- Established a physical laboratory for testing devices and introduced staging and testing environments to enhance deployment safety and simplify monitoring for unique screens across the network.
- Provided guidance to junior and senior developers, supervising front-end and digital screen repositories to ensure compliance with current coding standards and performance objectives.
- Maintained up-to-date documentation, including API strategies, setup guides, script usage, architecture diagrams, and front-end guidelines, to streamline developer onboarding and accelerate development processes.

Front End Developer with Experience in Product Design

November 2015 - January 2018

Vertical City, Edmonton, Alberta

- Led design initiatives and utilized Figma, Sketch and Photoshop to create prototypes, graphics and layouts for the advertising/property management platforms and screen displays. Ensured designs aligned with project objectives and brand identity.
- Developed detailed prototypes quickly and clarified technical concepts to diverse audiences. Prioritized modernizing designs while meeting accessibility standards and enhancing user experience for the target audience.

WORK EXPERIENCE CONT.

- Led the implementation of Vertical Impression, an exclusive advertising platform for Vertical City, overseeing its transition from WordPress to React.js. Introduced innovative features to elevate user experience, including real-time impression analytics, dynamic campaign assembly, advanced filtering using Mapbox, and seamless network integration.
- These strategic optimization enhancements led to a significant doubling of website speed, surpassing previous performance standards. The new also platform streamlined campaign management for budgets from 10 k+, eliminating the sales team's dependency on Excel and WordPress and enhancing operational efficiency.
- Led the implementation of elev8, Vertical City's exlusive digital elevator and lobby screen platform, developing features such as creating/scheduling news content and selecting feeds, managing over 5000 property managers and residents.
- Conducted thorough user testing, maintaining high-quality code and unique branding for both Property and Advertiser
 portals and seamlessly integrated popular property management systems, bolstering elev8's position as Canada's largest
 screen network.
- Implemented role-based authentication and personalized layouts for the Property Manager and Advertising portals, ensuring distinct experiences for users based on their roles upon login.

Web Developer/Data Analyst

November 2013 - Aug 2014

Strategic Management and Organization, Alberta School of Business, Edmonton, Alberta

- Programmed a web scraping application in Python responsible for the data and image collection of over 85,000 pages.
- Designed the website and illustrated the images used to launch the web scraping utility.

EDUCATION

BSc in Bioinformatics | University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

• Relevant Coursework: Utilized Python scripting and web scraping for computational projects in Bioinformatics.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Vertical City 2-Day Shark Tank Hackathon

• Led a company-wide two-day Hackathon, revamped into a dynamic "Shark Tank" style event, where innovative AI and mobile integration ideas were presented, fostering collaboration, resulting in a second-place finish overall and winning the company's fan favorite project. View here

Canada Learning Code Programming Mentor

• Assisted in various workshop sessions, mentoring small groups of learners to learn various programming concepts and programming languages, providing assistance to learners in completing activities.

Faculty of Science Orientation Videographer and Producer

• Directed and produced the official music video for the Faculty of Science orientation program at the University of Alberta. Watch the video here

AWARDS

- Maya Reinking Art Award recipient
- District of Edmonton Fine Arts Award recipient
- Third Place Finalist in the Canada Day Poster Challenge