

# Kate Efimova

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Passionate full-stack software engineer with more than two years of experience and a strong user and growth centric mindset. Track record of acquiring and developing expertise with admired languages quickly including Java, Node.js and C++.

## Summary

## Languages/Tools

Photoshop/Illustrator

Java

Git/GitHub

SASS/SCSS/LESS

JavaScript/jQuery

MongoDB

React

Node.js

C/C++

## Qualifications

### Frontend Development

- Website and web app creation with a focus on performance optimization, accessibility, SEO, and structured, clear code
- User-first mindset where both tools and writing code comes after solving real world problems

### Backend Development

- Implemented a small social network using a graph structure where users can log in, join the network, add friends, modify their profile as well as see a list of friends' friends.
- Worked with Twitter, Google Civic and GitHub APIs

### Team Leader

- Lead and managed all group projects that were given at Lambda School and De Anza College, making sure that all voices get heard.
- Inspired many of friends and relatives to start coding, after which took a guiding mentorship role.
- Easily found common ground between all team members to ensure they feel comfortable sharing ideas and personal experiences.

### Fast Learner

- Took initiative in learning English almost from scratch after moving to the United States from Russia. Can professionally speak and negotiate in both languages.

- Grasped Java concepts in just three days after being exposed to C++ since it was required to take a Data Structures & Abstract class.

## Experience

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### Independent contractor @Lynn'sBlog

(August 2019)

Worked on a team of two other developers where I took charge in creating a unique professional blog design for both desktop, tablet and mobile, as well as build a core skeleton implementation of it using simple HTML and LESS. After which collaborated on re-writing it using React for frontend and Netlify CMS for deployment.

### Frontend developer @LocalVoter [Live](#)

(August 2019)

Lead a team of driven Lambda School developers on a project with a one week deadline. Was responsible for designing and implementing a marketing page for Local Voter Guide, where users would be able to learn about various search and compare features the team has been working on. Reviewed teammates code and gave advice on best practices when it comes to working with Google Civic's API.

### Small Social Network [Repository](#)

(April 2019)

Spent around twenty hours implementing a small interactive social network using a graph data structure. The dictionary was created in order to store all the users, where the name of a user would be a key and a value would be an object with another nested object that linked to the keys of friends. The Small Social Network has a variety of features like login in, joining the network, adding friends, modifying the user's profile as well as seeing a list of friends' friends.

### MDN Search Extension [Repository](#)

(April 2019)

An MDN Search Extension for Google Chrome that simplifies user's experience whenever they want to use MDN docs. It uses Chrome's API to traverse through MDN's website and find a page with exact wording as requested by a user.

### De Anza Classes

(2017-2019)

Participated in the De Anza College Computer Science program for two years, while also enriching knowledge in general fields like psychology, business, and art. Got with two other CS majors and together we would collab on projects as well as help each other if in need. Took advanced classes like Data Structures & Abstract as well as Advanced Java.

- Had a cumulative 3.854 GPA at Homestead High School, received a gold sticker of a 'merit student'
- Attended 45 hours of De Anza college classes and accumulated a 3.93 GPA.

### Independent Web Development

(2016-present)

Developed various web pages, as well as discovered common coding practices through reading articles and tutorials on dev.to & Medium. Quickly grasped concepts of how well-developed web design looks like and how to implement it on my own. Took a part in JavaScript 30, read more than a hundred articles on Medium, and listened to around 90-100 hours of tech-related podcasts like Code Newbies, Soft Skills Engineering, and The

Console Log. Build many features that can be used on websites, as well as practiced creating whole websites on my own like the Femochi's Colors project.

- Completed 466 freeCodeCamp challenges.
- Personalized every JavaScript 30 challenge in order to imitate real-world projects.

## Photoshop Designer

(2011-2016)

Used acquired Photoshop skills in order to produce web designs and avatars for people on beon.ru. Created an organized group with the co-founder where we would sell designs. The group quickly became popular for the quality of products that were made by people involved. For a year remained determined to run the group after which the popularity of Beon fell that caused group members to slowly disappear.

- Sold a variety of designs to people who continued to “wear” my work on their blog pages for at least 3-4 months each.
- Gained valuable experience of how to remain determined since each design took around 9-10 hours to make, while a video-avatar could accumulate up to 17-20 hours of work due to frame-by-frame editing.