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SUMMARY

Full Stack Web Developer with a background in personal financial consulting and passionate in developing elegant solutions. Effective at combining creativity and problem solving to deliver valuable insights to 120+ individual clients as a financial consultant. Known among colleagues to be strong witted and dedicated.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, MySQL, NoSQL (Firebase, MongoDB)

Frameworks: Node.js, React.js, Bootstrap, Material UI, Redux

Other: Git, RESTful APIs, agile methodology

SOFT SKILLS

Skills: Collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, project management and ownership

Languages: Native fluency in both English and Mandarin

PROJECTS

UTTR (team) | <https://github.com/uttrly> | <https://uttr.herokuapp.com/> & <https://uttrly.herokuapp.com/>

- UTTR is a community that brings together individuals seeking self-improvement. We help our users achieve their goals by facilitating the creation of commitment contracts
- In version 1: Oversaw project management, designed MySQL schema & models in Sequelize, created goal creation interface, implemented Firebase storage, set-up email notifications and completed project write-up.
- In version 2: Rehailed UTTR MVC using React frontend, implemented user authentication (Passport + JWT) across components using Redux, collaborated with teammates to implement NLP (DialogFlow)
- Tech: HTML, CSS, Material Design Bootstrap, JavaScript, jQuery, Firebase, MySQL, Sequelize, Node.js, Express, Handlebars, Passport, SparkPost, React, Redux, DialogFlow, Quotes API

Science Edge (indv.) | <https://github.com/Kinla/edgeNews> | <https://sciedgenews.herokuapp.com/>

- Science Edge is a web app that lets users view and leave comments on the latest innovation news scraped from How Stuff Works
- Overcame technical challenges working with Handlebars by utilizing custom helper functions
- Tech: HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, LazySizes, Javascript, jQuery, Axios, Cheerio, Express, Express-handlebars, handlebars-paginate, MongoDB, Mongoose

Book Nook (indv.) | <https://github.com/Kinla/Google-books> | <https://bnook.herokuapp.com/>

- Book Nook is a MERN stack Google Books Search app that is powered by Google Books API. Users can save books to review or purchase later. Socket.io is also added so all users of this application is notified when a new book is saved.
- Illustrated ability to learn new technology quickly with the integration of Socket.io. A technology not covered as part of the class
- Tech: HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, React, Javascript, Axios, Express, MongoDB, Mongoose, Node.js, Socket.io, Google Book API

Walk/Wait (team) | <https://github.com/walk-wait/WalkWaitApp> | <https://walkorwait.herokuapp.com/>

- Walk/Wait is a MERN stack decision making application built for Toronto commuters. It takes into two stops on any TTC route and lets the user know if they should walk, wait for the next bus or cab
- Implemented MySQL schema & models in Sequelize, created 90% of React front-end, polished Passport user authentication with use of JWT, and integrated the TTC real time data via Restbus API
- Tech: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Node.js, Express, MySQL, Sequelize, Passport, JWT, React

EXPERIENCE

Web Developer (freelance)

Aug, 2019 - present

- Lead development of www.memetix.org. Client was so impressed with the work she has extended the scope from a static landing page to a full stack website
- Maintain <https://www.hollyshope.org/>. A provincial cat rescue charity built in Drupal 7
- Develop an allergen identification tool for mobile (currently in the design phase)
- Contribute to the Gratitude Project lead by Betterplace <https://start.better.place/> (pro bono)

Account Manager

Jan - May, 2018

Whelan Consulting Group

Toronto, ON

Assist insurance/financial planning professionals and business owners get their message in front of targeted prospects, quickly, efficiently, and consistently to grow their client base and build a massive referral network.

Key Accomplishments:

- Deliver on commitments for all clients
- Increase the quality and quantity of prospects resulting in increased closing rate for new accounts

Consultant

2012 - 2017

IG Wealth Management

Toronto, ON

Craft comprehensive financial plans for clients to ensure their long-term financial well being. Collaborate with clients to creatively problem solve each of their unique situations. Effectively communicate with clients so they fully understand the plans that are presented to them.

Key Accomplishments:

- Create tailor made annually updated financial plans for over 120 clients
- Over 90% of clients have active financial plans

R&D Alliance Associate

2009 - 2010

GlaxoSmithKline

Mississauga, ON

Assist the Medical Affairs departments (respiratory and vaccines) with the analysis of competitor clinical trials information. Developed the metrics for measuring performance for the Medical Division, allowing divisional leadership team to monitor performance resulting in better management.

Key Accomplishments:

- Solo monthly presentation to Medical Division leadership team consist of CMO and directors
- Worked cross-functionally with various stakeholders in different departments

EDUCATION

Bootcamp Certificate: University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

2019

A 24-week intensive program focused on gaining technical programming skills in HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, JQuery, Bootstrap, Firebase, Node Js, MySQL, MongoDB, Express, Handlebars.js & ReactJS.

Master of Biotechnology: University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

2008 - 2010

HBSc, Biotechnology/Economics: University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

2003 - 2007