Liz Aitken

Creative and passionate developer with an eye for seeing the big picture and the details. Proven ability to deliver high quality solutions in resource-constrained environments. Being a hard-worker and self-starter put me on the path to creating my own business while working at a non-profit. Having a resourceful nature, curious mind, and practicing perseverance has aided me in adapting quickly and learning new skills, including software development and user experience design.

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EXPERIENCE

7Factor, Atlanta, GA — Software Developer Apprentice

October 2019 - January 2020

Developed applications for different customers as part of a software team.

- Built interactive forms, data analytics, and other components of user interface for a government agency. Wrote reliable front-end unit tests.
- Developed pipelines to automate continuous integration/continuous delivery workflow, to improve efficiencies for an aviation company.
- Created the user interface for an iOS mobile app designed to collect user-entered data for a market research company.

DigitalCrafts - Atlanta, GA — Teaching Assistant

August 2019 - October 2019

Assisted the Lead Instructor to ensure student learning objectives are met. Mentored class students on various programming languages, frameworks, and projects.

Sponsored Children Project - USA & Mexico — *Program Manager*

July 2014 - April 2019

Duties included planning for procurement and distribution of items, leading and translating for volunteer groups, managing the work of over 25 volunteers, and creating processes where there were none. Other responsibilities include maintaining social media presence for fundraising and coordinating the communications between the local community and sponsors.

- Helped scale the number of children helped annually four-fold from 125 to 500. Over 1,300 kids have been helped in total.
- Improved support for the organization by creating procurement relationships with local vendors and businesses. Ensuring that the money spent stayed locally helped develop goodwill within the community and aided the local economy.
- Focused on process improvement ideas and training to break bottlenecks. This
 included creating workstreams for communication with the impacted families,
 developing inventory classifications, and centralizing the distribution of items.

Liz Aitken Art - USA — Artist & Owner

June 2014 - Present

Small business that sells unique artwork through an online store, fairs, exhibitions, and commissions. Focuses on translating personal memories, feelings, and emotions into one-of-a-kind inkwork, encaustic (wax), and oil paintings.

- Created partnerships with local coffee shops, galleries, fairs, and exhibits.
- Drove up market visibility and sales by utilizing interviews, analyzing social trends, people preferences, and events data.
- Researched and developed a new technique with wax, that allowed for creating distinctive paintings not done before.

Education

DigitalCrafts Atlanta, GA

Software Engineering Certification

April 2019 - August 2019 Software engineering training program covering full-stack development.

Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, MI

BFA: Studio Arts

Minor: Spanish

September 2010 - April 2014

SKILLS

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, BootStrap, Material, FlexBox

Jasmine, Karma

React, Redux, Angular, React Native

Node.js, Express, RESTful API, PostgreSQL

Git, GitHub, GitLab

Concourse, AWS, Terraform, Docker

Exposure to:

InVision Studio, Sketch Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe XD

LANGUAGES

Spanish, English