Louisa Johnston

Full-Stack Developer

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Skills

Tech Stack | React, React Redux, Redux Thunk, JavaScript, Python, TypeScript, C#, RESTful API, PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQL, Mongoose, MongoDB, Express.js, Next.js, Node.js, Socket.IO, EJS, Axios, CSS3, and HTML5 **Other** | Figma, Heroku, Netlify, Vercel, GitHub, Pygame, WordPress, Squarespace, NationBuilder, Cargo, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Premiere, Canva, and Google Analytics

Projects

Chatterbox 03/2021

Socket.IO, React, React Redux, PostgreSQL, Express.js, and Node.js (https://github.com/LouisaJohnston/Chatterbox)

- Contributed to a full-stack, real-time, event-based web messenger application built with Socket.IO
- Created React components to render information pertaining to authorized user conversations and managed state using React Redux and Redux Thunk to optimize performance
- Improved the efficiency of retrieving PostgreSQL data by minimizing requests to the server, in addition to closing security vulnerabilities

Bot Noggle 04/2021

Python, Pygame (github.com/LouisaJohnston/botNoggle)

- Built a version of Boggle using Python and Pygame to render a 4x4 grid out of a two-dimensional array of randomized letters corresponding to the real Boggle dice
- Inserted dictionary information into a trie data structure to optimize the project's time complexity

Word-cross'd Puzzler 02/2021

JavaScript, CSS, and HTML (github.com/LouisaJohnston/Word-crossd_Puzzler)

Designed a grid-based 5x5 crossword puzzle to run in-browser for desktop computers using DOM event listeners

Work Experience

Full-Stack Developer (Volunteer)

08/2021 - Present

Remote

- Develops supplemental features for the company's web platform using React, MySQL, JavaScript, and C#
- Works within the existing app architecture to ensure functionality and efficiency as well as recommend improvements as needed

Software Engineering Teaching Assistant (Part-Time)

08/2021 - Present

General Assembly

Generate Good

Remote

- Supports software engineering students with drop-in debugging assistance
- Tutors students with 1:1 learning support to review concepts taught in class and explain processes

Marketing & Communications Coordinator (Part-Time)

07/2020 - 01/2021

The Tucker Foundation Remote

 Took ownership of the foundation's WordPress site and streamlined it according to both platform and SEO best practices

Marketing & Communications Coordinator

09/2018 - 07/2019

The People Concern

Los Angeles, CA

- Built a Squarespace site designed to compile resources for individuals experiencing homelessness and optimized for mobile through custom CSS to improve accessibility
- Expanded monthly social media engagement by over 300% in eight months, using an analytics rubric weighted to favor interactions most likely to convert into donations

Communications Intern

03/2018 - 08/2018

Levitt Foundation

Los Angeles, CA

- Created fifteen websites for Levitt AMP Grant Award winners using NationBuilder while providing HTML/CSS support, and writing over 200 artist biographies
- Authored eight original pieces for the foundation's national blog covering music, arts access, and creative placemaking

Education

General Assembly, San Francisco, CA

01/2021 - 04/2021

Immersive software engineering program focused on creating full-stack applications through project development

Occidental College. Los Angeles. CA

09/2013 - 05/2018

Bachelor of Arts: Focus in Psychology; Double-Minor in Media Arts & Culture and Interdisciplinary Writing