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Story teller
Music maker
Animal lover
Hat wearer
Donut eater
Movie watcher
Comedic relief
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I'm a software developer by trade, but I work to share stories more than anything else. I am currently honing my coding skills through coursework, projects, and scrum team exercises focused on Agile methodologies, UI/UX Design, Testing, Deployment, and more.

I am adaptable, easygoing, and collaborative, and I believe in the incredible power of human connection. When I see a need, I try to help fulfill it. Technology and the Internet are both powerful tools for shaping our future and my personal mission is to help ensure that our world continues to become a more supportive, better educated, and more thoughtful place.

education

JavaScript Cohort

Eleven Fifty Academy, Fishers, IN | March 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media with a Minor in Computer Science

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN | May 2017

portfolio

melgaston.github.io

skills

JavaScript
HTML + CSS
React
Bootstrap
Git
Node.js
Angular
PostgreSQL
JSON
Java
C++
Wordpress
Photoshop
Illustrator
Microsoft Office

Agile Methodologies
Public Speaking
Team Leadership
Event Planning
Client Relations

projects

MovieLog — <https://mg-movie-log.herokuapp.com>

Achieved first full stack application using **React**, **Node.js**, and **PostgreSQL**. Accomplished pulling information from **API** using **JavaScript**. Obtained session validation with **JWT** and managed encryption by using **bcrypt**. Utilized both **Reactstrap** and **Radium** throughout the application. Executed deployment through **Heroku**.

Search the Universe — <https://nasa-image-api-mg.firebaseio.com>

Accomplished pulling first **API** using **JavaScript**. Utilized bootstrap throughout the application. Executed deployment through **Firebase**.

experience

Lead Web Developer | Roundpeg, Inc. | June 2018 – November 2018

Web Designer | Roundpeg, Inc. | August 2017 – June 2018

Executed website designs from client discovery meetings to completed, implemented sites. Explored numerous site design options with clients to create a result that best fit the needs of the end user. Collaborated with creative team to ensure brand consistency across all digital channels. Created and edited mock-ups, brand elements, and other digital assets. Worked independently to manage projects and client relations from beginning to end.

Social Media + Communications Coordinator | Seeds of Learning | January – May 2017

Utilized social media platforms to increase awareness for the importance of education in Pakistan. Broadened community outreach to increase education funding for local Indianapolis schools. Curated content and provided digital communication support to further engage donors both online and in-person.

Outreach + Social Engagement Intern | To Write Love on Her Arms | May – August 2016

Studied mental health issues to effectively communicate and empathize. Engaged with supporters and staff through local outreach opportunities. Processed merchandise orders quickly and accurately. Developed global social media connections with a network of past and future staff members.