

PROJECTS

my politician

<https://github.com/NickHimmel/myPolitician>

- Allows people to click on a district on a dynamic map of New York State to find out who their local congressman is as well as who their state representatives are.
- Shows constituents which bills the lawmaker introduced, their vote history, and their Twitter stream, and provides links to their social media pages.
- Built the map with the D3.js JavaScript library.
- Designed the site and built the front end using the Bootstrap framework.
- Worked on a team of three.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

HTML, CSS,
JavaScript, Ruby

VERSION CONTROL

Github

WEB FRAMEWORKS AND LIBRARIES

Rails, Sinatra, React, D3

METHODOLOGIES

Test-Driven Development,
Object Oriented
Programming, Pair
programming, Agile,
Engineering Empathy

TESTING FRAMEWORKS

RSpec, Jasmine

OTHER SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop,
Adobe LightRoom, Adobe
Illustrator, Adobe InDesign

DATABASE

SQLite3, PostgreSQL

WORK EXPERIENCE

senior imaging specialist

New York Daily News

December 2009 to March 2015

photography retoucher/archivist

Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York, NY

January 2008 to December 2009

marketing and architecture assistant

1100: Architect, New York, NY

December 2006 to September 2007

EDUCATION

dev bootcamp

New York, NY, February 2017

mps, digital photography

School of Visual Arts, 2007

ba, art history and fine arts

Bard College, 2005

Hello,

I am excited to apply for the position of Trainee Developer at PRDXN. I think I'd be a fit: I have a proven ability to go from zero experience with a given framework or library to a working app that people can use in a short time and a strong desire to learn and grow into a more useful team member.

Recently, I completed an intensive web development program at Dev Bootcamp. There, I learned CSS3, JavaScript/ES6, JQuery, and React, among other things, but more importantly, I learned fundamentals such as test-driven development, design patterns such as MVC and object-oriented programming, and why it is important to write code that's clean, readable, modular, and maintainable.

My team and I did what we could to apply those lessons in our final project, an app that helps New Yorkers learn about their state representatives that you can view here: <https://github.com/NickHimmel/myPolitician>. The three of us built it in about four days. I created the design and built the front end. After taking just one weekend to learn the D3.js data visualization library, I also built the interactive district map.

Given the fundamentals I've learned at Dev Bootcamp, I can be useful on a team right away, but I know I've got a huge amount to learn, and I'm committed to taking every opportunity that's offered to learn as fast as I can and become a better team member. One strength of the program I attended is their Engineering Empathy curriculum, which I feel has made me a better, more empathetic collaborator who can make the most of chances to learn from others, both during code review and over the course of learning about a product from everyone involved.

In my previous position, as Senior Imaging Specialist for the Daily News, I co-led a small team of photo retouchers and we prepared hundreds of images for print under tight deadlines and in demanding circumstances every day. I know how to work under pressure and keep quality high.

I'd love the opportunity to work with you at PRDXN. You can view some of my work at nickhimmel.com.

Thanks for your time,

Nick