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SUMMARY

Having always had a fascination with technology and after years of experience ranging from sales to education, I am transitioning into front-end web development so that I may engage in leading edge technological development, use my creative skills in productive ways, and make or add to a substantial product or service that creates positive change in the world.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- JavaScript
- HTML5
- CSS3
- jQuery
- Knockout.js (MVVM)
- Bootstrap
- GitHub
- Performance Optimization
- TDD
- Responsive Design
- Grunt
- Firebase

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

MAY 2016

UdaciFeeds - *http://goo.gl/uNwZ5v*
- Completed testing suite using Jasmine for an incomplete project by writing tests that pass.
- Created tests that check form completion, menu changes, and proper loading of elements.
- Wrote tests that determined if web application loops and URLs function properly

FEB 2016

SurfList - *https://goo.gl/TbEmgb*
- From scratch, single-page, responsive app using Knockout.js and jQuery that allows users to search for surf breaks
- Utilized firebase for hosting, authentication, and backend data storage.
- Implemented third party APIs via AJAX data requests.

JUN 2015

Website Optimization - *http://goo.gl/N04vuB*
- Optimized critical rendering path of existing website (Cam's profile) to achieve PageSpeed Insights score above 90.
- Eliminated inefficiencies in the website's (Cam's Pizzeria) scroll animation (pizza.html). Site now scrolls at 60 frames per second.
- Used JavaScript task runner Grunt in build process.

MAR 2015

Cartman Crush - *http://goo.gl/h6ordi*
- Clone of the classic game, Frogger.
- Coded player, enemies, relic subclasses using object prototype chains
- Used HTML5 Canvas for game animation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

MAY 2014 - MAR 2015

English Language Educator

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology – *Hanoi, Vietnam*
- Presented workshops focusing on writing for university and supported students via a university help desk.
- Taught across all levels in the academic English program, with a focus on research & report writing for academia.
- Led business English classes for locally based firms & taught government diplomatic officials job-related English.
- Successfully integrated the use of about 6 new educational technology tools into teaching approach.

DEC 2012 - APR 2014

English Language Instructor
- Led upper level reading and essay/report writing lectures, with a focus on general argumentative logic.
- Nominated teacher of the year in 2013.
- Utilized web technologies for teaching students and supporting colleagues

💼 WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

DEC 2011 - NOV 2012

English Language Teacher

ILA Vietnam – *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*
- Taught General English to all ages in classrooms of 12 - 19 students, using a student centred approach.
- Increased student participation, using culturally relevant contexts.
- Created new behaviour management techniques, resulting in an increase in overall student output.

OCT 2008 - MAR 2011

Marketing Sales Manager

SUPA-T Green Tea – *Sydney, Australia*
- Implemented local distribution, sales, and field marketing efforts in and around Sydney and key areas of NSW.
- Successfully acquired 2 major distributors in the Australian market, allowing broader access to cross-country markets.
- Managed the design and provided the copy for the company website, adding appeal to existing sales points.

🎓 EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES

OCT 2014 – MAY 2016

Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree

Udacity – *Global*

MAR 2014 – AUG 2014

Cert ICT (Distinction)

Cambridge English – *Hanoi, Vietnam*

APR 2011 – MAR 2012

YL Extension

Cambridge English – *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

OCT 2011 – NOV 2011

CELTA (Pass B)

Cambridge English – *Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

AUG 2002 – MAY 2006

German B.A. / Minor Business

University of Colorado – *Boulder, Colorado, USA*

DEC 2002 – MAY 2006

Founder of the University of Colorado chapter

Sigma Alpha Epsilon – *Boulder, Colorado, USA*