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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	<div><div></div></div>
PHP	<div><div></div></div>
Node.JS	<div><div></div></div>
Linux	<div><div></div></div>
RESTful APIs	<div><div></div></div>
HTML5	<div><div></div></div>
CSS3	<div><div></div></div>
jQuery	<div><div></div></div>
MVC/MVVM	<div><div></div></div>
Bootstrap	<div><div></div></div>
GitHub/Version Control	<div><div></div></div>
Performance Optimization	<div><div></div></div>
TDD	<div><div></div></div>
Responsive Design	<div><div></div></div>
Grunt	<div><div></div></div>
Firebase	<div><div></div></div>
Adobe Creative Cloud	<div><div></div></div>



## 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 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)

**The Consultants-E/Trinity College London – Hanoi, Vietnam**

APR 2012 – MAR 2012

### YL Extension

**ILA Vietnam/Cambridge English – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

OCT 2011 – NOV 2011

### CELTA (Pass B)

**ILA Vietnam/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**