

# NICHOLAS P. SOKOLOWSKI

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NICK-SOKOLOWSKI-PORTFOLIO.NETLIFY.APP

## SUMMARY

**Full Stack Developer**, highly motivated with strong knowledge of application development tools such as VS Code to create responsive and dynamic applications; Proficient in front-end languages including HTML, CSS, and JavaScript with expertise in modern libraries and frameworks like React; Experienced in back-end development, integrating databases with PostgreSQL, and building servers using Express; Skilled in using design frameworks such as Bootstrap, Tailwind, and Material UI to enhance UI/UX; Demonstrates foundational cloud knowledge with Microsoft Azure; Commended by professors for quick learning, attention to detail, ability to master multiple technologies, and strong programming skills; Known as a collaborative team player with a passion for delivering high-quality solutions.

## SKILLS

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| - HTML                 | - Bootstrap                         | - Handlebars Templating |
| - CSS                  | - Node.JS/Packages                  | - MongoDB               |
| - JavaScript           | - Express Servers                   | - React                 |
| - API's                | - Postgres SQL (Mysql)              | - MERN Stack            |
| - Azure                | - Git and Github                    | - Command Line          |
| - Agile                | - Jira                              | - DaisyUI/Tailwind      |
| - Software Development | - Object Oriented Programming (OOP) |                         |

## STRENGTHS

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|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| - Leadership & Communication | - Precision       | - Collaboration & Teamwork |
| - Critical Thinking          | - Time Management | - Continuous Learning      |
| - Problem Solving            |                   |                            |

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

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|--|-----------|
| AZ-900 Microsoft Azure Cloud Fundamentals Certification                    | 2024      |
| edX Full Stack Developer Certificate – University of WI–Madison            | 2024      |
| Free Code Camp Responsive Web Design Certification                         | 2023-2024 |
| Codecademy Pro Courses – HTML, CSS, Javascript, Python 3                   | 2023-2024 |
| ACSM Personal Training Certification – American College of Sports Medicine | 2020      |
| Physical Education (for licensure) – University of WI–Whitewater           | 2007-2011 |

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### Project Lead – Quester App

- **Designed wireframes** and mapped out steps to achieve the desired layout and interactivity.
- **Developed the full navigation and routing system** in React to manage both parent and child pages, including implementing authentication and password hashing.
- **Led the development of key features**, including using CRUD methods on MongoDB for button submission, editing, and deletion functionality.
- **Ensured full website responsiveness**, optimizing for various screen sizes, and integrating DaisyUI/Tailwind components on the project.

### Collaboration – Holidb App

- **Debugged and optimized the app timer**, ensuring it accurately tracked the current time and identified the next upcoming holiday to display a corresponding theme.
- **Integrated full CRUD functionality**, allowing users to add and delete movie themes with seamless database interaction using PostgreSQL.

- **Developed the tagging feature**, enabling users to tag movies with themes that dynamically update when new holidays are added.
- **Enhanced app polish** through attention to detail, such as implementing Regex to automatically capitalize new holiday names for consistent formatting, adding form validation to ensure no fields were left blank, and providing preset themes for major holidays.

#### Project Lead – Radlibs App

- **Conceptualized and implemented** the core functionality of the app, pairing Madlibs stories with dynamically generated images based on user inputs.
- **Customized Daisy UI components** to build a responsive, user-friendly navigation bar that included clear instructions for app use.
- **Developed form validation** within modals, ensuring fields met the input requirements.
- **Integrated external APIs**, making API calls to a Madlib API, and successfully debugging CORS errors while working exclusively on the front end.
- **Utilized Local Storage** to store user answers for retrieval and display on a subsequent page.

#### Solo Full Stack Developer – MVC Bloggin' It

- **Built a full stack application** using the **Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture** with Handlebars for templating and Sequelize for database management, demonstrating proficiency in full-stack development.
- **Implemented CRUD operations on a PostgreSQL database**, enabling users to create blog posts and leave comments.
- **Developed a modular back end with an Express server**, incorporating middleware and modularized routes to efficiently serve views based on user interactions with the blogsite.
- **Structured the app with separated JavaScript files**, organizing functionality into logical components such as the dashboard, comments, and authentication (login/signup).
- **Created data models, schema, and seed data** to populate the database for development purposes, allowing for a robust local testing environment.

## WORK HISTORY

### Lead “Expert Level” Personal Fitness Trainer

Wisconsin Athletic Club – Greenfield, WI  
 Xperience Fitness – Hales Corners, WI  
 Soko-ology (self-employed)

August 2023 – Present  
 February 2021 – July 2023  
 June 2019 – August 2023

- **Expert Level Trainer** mentoring and developing new trainers, ensuring consistent training standards and professional growth across the team
- **Lead for Gym Sales Software usage**, overseeing team operations to ensure timely completion of sales-related tasks and client management
- **Lead Trainer** conducting training sessions to enhance team skills and improving client retention
- Recognized consistently as one of the “Top 5 Trainers” out of over 100 for exceptional results
- Exceeded sales targets regularly with \$8-\$10k in monthly revenue for packages/supplements
- Process and analyze key metrics reports, including payroll and member benefits, providing actionable summaries to improve operations and manage expiring memberships
- Manage training schedule ensuring proper allocation of staff resources and use of time
- Design and implement personalized and comprehensive exercise programs for clients
- Listen to client’s physical needs and goals to become acquainted with any limitations
- Observe and analyze client’s abilities to assess level of exercises to recommend
- Demonstrate form, techniques, use of equipment, and teach safety tips
- Record progress and alter program as needed
- Identify nutritional and lifestyle changes to enhance fitness program

### Commercial Furniture Assembly

Integra Seating – Walworth, WI

May 2013 – March 2020

- Consistently met and exceeded all quotas and timelines, leading to several promotions
- Performed furniture assembly functions of different components, cross-training into foam adhesion, mill assembly, finishing, and final assembly with great detailing and accuracy.