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I started my professional life as a teacher and shortly after I joined the hospitality industry, made a fast progression to leading roles. I made a career change to Software Engineering, because I enjoy creating logical connections and fixtures between ideas and reality. I believe this industry will bring that to my life. I joined a Software Engineering Immersive course to get a grip on JavaScript and MERN. I am looking forward to joining a supportive, well structured team with both learning and progression opportunities where I could enhance my new skills.

**Key skills:**

Frontend: JavaScript, React, HTML, CSS, Sass, Bootstrap, Bulma.

Backend: Python, MongoDB, Mongoose, Express, Node.js, Django, PostgreSQL.

Other: RESTful APIs, Github, branch-controlling, pair-coding, authentication.

Currently learning: PHP (self-teaching).

Languages: English - fluent, Ukrainian - fluent, Lithuanian - fluent, Russian - native.

Business and Soft Skills: training, organisation, public speaking, master-class activities, negotiation skills, logistical management.

**Experience:**

Software Engineering Course at General Assembly, Remote, May - Jul 2021

A 3-month immersive course that expanded my knowledge of React, JavaScript, HTML and CSS based frameworks, where I learnt to build full-stack applications. Everyday activities included stand-ups, online learning sessions, labs, pair-coding, group and individual projects.

* **Project 4:** [Taras social gallery](https://taras-social-gallery.herokuapp.com/) || [ReadMe](https://github.com/TarasKiricenko/Project-4/blob/main/README.md) || 1 week || Solo

The website can be used as a social gallery with short posts and optional attachments of pictures. **CRUD** functionality and favourites are available after logging in. Full Stack app, **PostgreSQL** and **Django** based on the **Python** Backend and **React** and **Node** on **JS** Frontend. Custom **CSS** was used to make the website responsive to any screen size.

* **Project 3:** [CEST Coworking and event spaces](https://cest-sei-project-3.herokuapp.com/) || [ReadMe](https://github.com/TarasKiricenko/Project-3/blob/main/README.md) || 1 week || Group of 4

Full Stack **MERN** app with **CRUD** functionality. We created an app which guides you through coworking spaces around the globe. We all worked Full Stack, I took the lead of building the biggest part of the Backend, coordinating our team job and taking care of **Git**, whilst working on user authorization and authentication. My best Frontend win here was using a different framework, **Bootstrap** and making a comment UI section for each workspace user-friendly.

* **Project 2:**  [Beer shop](https://joan-and-taras-beer-shop.netlify.app/) || [ReadMe](https://github.com/TarasKiricenko/Project-2/blob/master/README.md) || 2 days || Pair-coding

In this short time, we built a **React** based app, using the Brewdog public [API](http://punkapi.com). I concentrated on **JS** logic and most of the design, using **Bulma** and custom **CSS**.

* **Project 1:**  [Space Invaders](https://taraskiricenko.github.io/Project-1/) || [ReadMe](https://github.com/TarasKiricenko/Project-1/blob/main/README.md) || 1 week || Solo

1 week solo project, grid based game in **JavaScript**, with **HTML** and **CSS** used for styling. This project helped me to solidify my basic **JS** skills, and brought the opportunity to design my own layout and style in **CSS**.

**Previous experience:**

Head Bartender / Floor Manager at Sticks’n’Sushi, London, Jan 2018 - Mar 2021

* Reduced stock levels by almost 40% and kept good track of what was necessary for daily operation, I became proficient at planning and structuring.
* Resolved conflicts with guests and also dealt with financial reports on a daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly basis.
* During the Covid-19 pandemic, I restructured restaurant work to be operating only for takeaway needs, and managed good cost levels consistently over a period of 15 months.

Assistant Restaurant Manager / Bar manager at Wild Honey, London, Sep 2015 - Dec 2017

* Combining 2 people's duties in one, set up a daily routine of departments and dealing with suppliers. Here I became a very skilled negotiator.
* Led a team of 10+ people, looking after all their professional life according to business needs (holiday plan, rota, etc) helped me to develop multitasking and proactivity skills.
* A significant achievement was creating a wine list of 100 vintages from 34 countries, mostly organic and ethically grown, mastering my research skills.

**Education:**

* Software Engineering Course, General Assembly, Remote, May - Jul 2021.
* Bachelor of Biology / Teacher’s Qualification

Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences, Vilnius, Lithuania, 2008 - 2012.

**Other:**

* Military service: Iron Wolf M.I.B., Grand Duke Algirdas Battalion, Lithuania, 2007 - 2008. Compulsory duty, which taught me discipline. I gained Junior Sergeant rank.
* Entrepreneurship: Ran my own business, a small bar, from 2009 - 2019.

38 seats place, currently shut due to the pandemic.

* Crafting: DIY person, from wood carving to light installation, side work to reset the brain.