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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated U.S. military veteran and software engineer with a strong foundation in full-stack development and technical problem-solving. Transitioned from managing complex systems in the military to building scalable web applications using modern technologies like C#, ASP.NET Core, Python, JavaScript, and SQL. Holds a B.S. in Information Technology with a focus on programming and software development. Graduate of Code Platoon's immersive bootcamp, experienced in Agile workflows, RESTful APIs, cloud platforms, and data-driven systems. Passionate about mentoring others and delivering clean, efficient code in fast-paced collaborative environments

EDUCATION

Purdue Global University Aug. 2024

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology | Programming & Software Development

Relevant Coursework: Software Engineering, Data Structures & Algorithms, Cloud Computing, Database Design

Jan. 2025

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Code Platoon | Full-Stack Software Engineering Bootcamp Full-Stack Software Engineering: Immersive | Class President

Technical Focus: Web Development, RESTful APIs, Agile Methodologies, Cloud Deployment

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C#, Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, T-SQL, SQL

Frameworks/Libraries: ASP.NET Core, Entity Framework Core React, Django, Flask, Angular, Bootstrap, jQuery

Databases: SQL Server, PostgreSQL, Microsoft Access, AWS RDS

Cloud/DevOps: AWS, Docker, Git, GitHub, Visual Studio Code, Visual Studio, PyCharm Other: RESTful APIs, Agile/Scrum, Test-Driven Development (TDD), CI/CD, Json Web Tokens

PROIECTS

Portfolio Blog | C#, ASP.NET Core 8, Entity Framework Core, Razor Views, Bootstrap, MSSOL, JWT

Dec. 2024 - Jan. 2025

- Developed separate API and MVC architecture, with all CRUD logic handled via REST endpoints
- Implemented secure JWT authentication, login, logout, and registration flow
- Implemented secure IWT-based authentication in an ASPNET Core REST API using role-based authorization allowing protected route access for Admin vs Guest roles.
- Integrated session-based JWT management in MVC by storing and verifying tokens on the frontend, dynamically altering Razor Views based on login state and user role.
- **Developed custom login and registration** with cryptographic password hashing and salting for secure credential storage
- Created custom DTOs for secure data exposure and implemented admin-only CRUD access via [Authorize(Roles="Admin")]
- Built accessible and responsive Razor Views using Bootstrap, with WCAG skip links, semantic HTML, and ARIA roles
- Implemented dark mode toggle using localStorage, JavaScript, and CSS themes
- Added **pagination** and **view models** for improved data handling and scalability
- Future-ready for deployment with Azure and includes production-grade separation of concerns

RedZone Getaway | Python, JavaScript, React, Django, PostgreSQL

Dec. 2024 - Jan. 2025

- Developed a full-stack CRUD Event Management system with React front-end and Django backend
- Implemented responsive UI with Daisy UI components for improved user experience
- Built RESTful API endpoints for secure data communication between frontend and backend
- Utilized Git for version control and collaborative development
- Applied problem-solving approaches to integrate the Events module with other application features
- Designed and implemented database architecture using AWS RDS PostgreSQL for scalable data storage

Game Management | Python, JavaScript, React, Django, PostgreSQL

Dec. 2024 - Jan. 2025

- Developed a full-stack video game management platform using Django REST Framework and React, integrating with Steam's API
- Implemented complete user authentication system and two CRUD applications (Reviews and Library management)
- Built responsive frontend with React and Tailwind CSS featuring a Netflix-inspired carousel UI
- Created dynamic game details pages and interactive review system with **star ratings**
- Demonstrated strong API integration skills by successfully connecting to Steam's web API
- Handled real-time data fetching and state management across multiple components

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - Full Stack Software Engineering (Avenger Cohort) Code Platoon

June. 2025 - Present

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- Oversaw and coordinated two other TAs, creating support schedules and task distribution
- Reported directly to **lead instructors** and facilitated daily **algorithm sessions**
- Built a **student ranking system** to identify and prioritize mentorship needs
- Supported students across the full curriculum including backend, frontend, and database technologies
- Taught core computer science concepts including Data Structures, Algorithms, and Big O Notation
- Contributed to the curriculum by editing, adding, and refining educational materials