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ABOUT ME

I am a Los Angeles-based full stack developer and software engineer who values empathy, earnestness, and thoughtful design. I hope to make the world a more equitable and accessible place by bringing a thoughtful, thorough, people-first approach to software and web development.

TECHNICAL SKILLS/ABILITIES

- HTML5
- CSS3
- JavaScript ES6
- jQuery
- Node.js
- ReactJS
- Express
- Extended JavaScript (EJS)
- Python
- Django
- noSQL databases (MongoDB)
- SQL databases (Postgres)
- REST APIs
- Heroku

PROJECTS

Retro Video Game Gallery | General Assembly Unit 1 Project | Basic HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and jQuery; AJAX

Utilized HTML, CSS, and JavaScript with jQuery to build a database style video game gallery using an external API ([RAWG](#)) to pull information on displayed games. Implemented filter features expected in a typical database website. Figured out how to conditionally re-render the page in order to prevent clutter. See README for more: github.com/jc-k91/rvqg.

Aware | General Assembly Unit 2 Project | NodeJS, Express backend, Extended JavaScript templating, Mongo database

Created a mobile-first mental health + mood journal. Implemented full CRUD functionality using a model-view-controller (MVC) architecture/design pattern. Pushed to learn the basics of related models in MongoDB. Challenged myself to make the frontend look as production-ready as possible using Figma to create wireframes and flowcharts. See README for more: github.com/jc-k91/aware.

InstaSnap | General Assembly Unit 3 Project | NodeJS, Express back-end, ReactJS front-end, Mongo database

Learned a lot about collaboration and reconciling different approaches to build a cohesive application. Our group made psychological safety a top priority over the course of the project. I went above and beyond and took charge of researching how to conditionally render components to emulate pages without reloading the browser, implemented one-to-many data structures in our models (built off research done while making Aware), and learned how to use function components and React Hooks. I also carefully managed our workflow using Trello. See README for more: github.com/jc-k91/instasnap.

EXPERIENCE

Instructional Associate | General Assembly | June 2021 – Present

- Take the initiative and assess students' progress to suggest necessary course corrects within the instructional team.
- Leverage and adapt existing curriculum and materials to best engage students.
- Take the lead at various times throughout the day to administer lectures, exercises, labs, and one-on-one sessions.

Sales Director | Now N Forever | October 2019 – April 2021

- Persistently (but not aggressively) followed up with the company's largest clients with meticulous attention to detail to drive sales and increase YOY revenue by ~110%.
- Closely followed the company workflow to eliminate major inefficiencies and reduced order turnaround times by an average of ~50% (average 2~3-day turnaround improved to 1-day turnaround).
- Trained the team to focus more on building lasting relationships with clients to increase existing clients' orders by an average of 20%.

Lead Account Manager, Tradeshow Team Lead | Mittoshop | April 2017 – October 2019

- Took over operations for one of the company's newer but struggling bi-monthly trade shows and focused on creating robust new relationships without being "too sales-y" to increase YOY sales at this trade show by 70%.
- Dug up previously unknown functionality in our ERP (N41) to streamline our customer service and sales processes, freeing up 2 people from our 10-person customer service/sales team to focus solely on sales.

EDUCATION

Software Engineering Immersive | General Assembly | March 2021 – June 2021

- Spent an average of 14-15 hours per day, including weekends, going far above and beyond requirements for assignments and projects.
- Gained experience working in a team in the context of programming, and painfully learned firsthand the value of frequent git commits, concise communication, and project management tools such as Trello in order to minimize merge conflicts.
- Spent 14 weeks learning hands-on some of the most in-demand technologies for web development such as Node, Express, React, MongoDB, Python, Django, and PostgreSQL, among others to build full-stack, full-CRUD applications using REST API principles, object-oriented programming (OOP), and clean, testable, maintainable code.
- Learned troubleshooting, debugging, and testing methodologies.