

# Darrow Palast

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Full stack web developer with a passion for helping people through technology. With experience in Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, and React and a background in social science research, I discovered web development through my love for building things for the greater good and my fascination with tech. I bring strong skills in team-building and problem-solving that can help any company achieve their intended impact. When I'm not coding, you can find me watching basketball, planning a skiing trip with friends, or taking dance classes.

## TECHNICAL PROJECTS

**ET-MO** - Github: [frontend](#), [backend](#) | [Demo](#)

*An etymology app that allows the user to search any word and displays its historical data*

- + Utilizes a Rails API backend to store user data and fetched payloads from the Oxford Dictionary API
- + Employs React and Redux to control the flow of data, including a user's favorites and past searches
- + Features completely custom CSS, including multiple animations and transition effects
- + Implements a full user authentication pattern featuring the BCrypt gem and use of front-end token storage

**TAP-IOCA** - Github: [frontend](#), [backend](#) | [Demo](#)

*A game where users pop as many floating tapioca bubbles as possible before the timer runs out*

- + Utilizes CSS animation techniques and JavaScript DOM manipulation to manipulate individual bubbles
- + Utilizes Rails API backend to store user data, including a persistent high-score chart
- + Incorporates music and a background GIF for added immersion

**Minty** - Github: [frontend](#), [backend](#) | [Demo](#)

*A budgeting app inspired by Mint that helps a user keep track of expenditures*

- + Uses React to store necessary data on the frontend, such as a user's various lists and items
- + Utilizes a Rails API backend to persist user data and inputs
- + Features fully functional standard calculator and tip calculator for ease of budget calculation

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Ruby, JavaScript, Rails, ReactJS, Redux, CSS, HTML, SQL, Blender

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Progressive Coders**, New York, NY

Coding Intern, *Summer 2017*

- + Contributed on-site and remotely alongside other volunteer coders to build free software for various grassroots projects
- + Collected and broadcasted personal accounts of medical insurance company abuse through recorded street interviews
- + Helped represent the organization at the 2017 Personal Democracy Forum, an event focused on modern technology's impact on government, policy, and media
- + Received personal mentorship from then-CEO Rapi Castillo on how to approach professional programming spaces

**Preston's Chandlery**, Greenport, NY

Sales Associate, *Summer 2016*

- + Assisted customers, stocked shelves, checked inventory, worked register, and tallied taxable sales
- + Handled specialty orders, including facilitating ship repair or purchase and helped dock incoming ships

**Tor Ekeland, P.C.**, Brooklyn, NY

Law Intern, *February - June 2015*

- + Completed and compiled basic legal research for the partners of the firm, including handling of confidential documents
- + Redesigned and digitized the system for firm's file storage, and routinely put together and reorganized legal binders
- + Helped represent firm on trips to local courthouse and routinely completed general office duties

## EDUCATION

**Flatiron School** - 2019

- + Full Stack Web Development, Ruby on Rails and JavaScript immersive on-campus program

**Brandeis University**- Waltham, MA - 2019

- + Bachelor of Arts: African and Afro-American Studies (focus in Social Sciences), Minor in Economics