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Projects

Kyllo (Rails, Backbone) | live | repository

Rebuilt Fog Creek's project management app, Trello.

- Single-page Backbone app consuming RESTful Rails JSON API.
- Mobile-responsive design, close reproduction of the original, to test my HTML/ CSS knowledge.
- Uses Thoughtbot's recommended Backbone-on-Rails design patterns.
- Implements a custom CompositeView class so that data can easily be shared across parallel views.

Big Tac Toe (JavaScript, jQuery) | live | repository

Tic Tac Toe variation with nontrivial strategy.

- My take on an advanced extension to classic Tic Tac Toe. I stumbled upon the rules a few years back, and decided to build an online version once I acquired the requisite skills.
- Play games within a game, with a set of rules to dictate which small boards are available during each turn, and win the big board to win the
- Builds an object-oriented game of Big Tac Toe, binds it to a board representation in the DOM, and uses jQuery events to play
- Defines super classes of both Game and Board objects, which define methods for both the small and large versions of each to keep code DRY.

Battleship (JavaScript, Node) | live | repository

Classic two-player, cross-network Battleship.

- Client side JavaScript communicates with a Node server using the Socket.io library for real-time feedback from players from anywhere in the world.
- Defines a game server, and starts a game once two players are connected, then allows ship placement, and gameplay on the end of placement event.
- Includes UI elements such as messaging capabilities and feedback animations.

Skills

Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, jQuery, Backbone, HTML, CSS, SQL, Node, Git, Python (learning)

Education

App Academy, San Francisco — Web Development, Fall 2014

Completed intensive web development bootcamp with <5% acceptance rate.

University of California, Santa Barbara — B.S. Mathematical Science, 2013

- Curriculum highlights: CS Problem Solving, Numerical Analysis, Advanced Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Combinatorics.
- Graduated after the Summer session in September, then spent the winter as a ski instructor in South Lake Tahoe.