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TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Javascript • Ruby • Java • Python • ReactJS • Redux • Ruby on Rails • Semantic & Material UI • CSS •
- HTML5 • RESTful Routing • JSON • PostgreSQL • SQLite •

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

“Current Trends” - [[Github Frontend](#)] | [[Github Backend](#)] | [[Demo](#)]

An online web search engine made for accessing news locally and across the globe.

- Utilized NEWSAPI and Microsoft Azure’s Bing News Search API to retrieve local/global news.
- Utilized OpenWeatherMap’s Weather API and Geolocation API to display local weather information.
- Constructed with RESTful routing in the backend and utilized React-Router for intuitive URLs
- User information is stored and encrypted within a PostgreSQL database using Ruby’s “bcrypt” gem. This prevents people with access to the database, to obtain private user information.

“Draw Off” - [[Github Frontend](#)] | [[Github Backend](#)] | [[Live Site](#)] | [[Demo](#)]

An online multiplayer game where users are given a prompt to draw and the winner has the most likes.

- Consists of servers (game lobbies) that allow asynchronous communication, enabling multiple users to interact in a multiplayer setting.
- Implemented an authentication flow via FireBase Auth, which checks for auth changes client-side.
- Implemented custom React Component, “react-canvas-draw” which allows for the drawing capabilities displayed within the app.

“Askit” - [[Github](#)] | [[Demo](#)]

An online forum for asking and answering questions posted by multiple users.

- Rails application constructed with a MVC framework. (Models, Views, Controller)
- Utilized the ActiveRecord module to construct numerous associations between objects/classes and set up SQLite database.
- Views are implemented with ERb syntax making the HTML pages more dynamic.

EXPERIENCE

McLean Bible Church (<i>Vienna, Virginia</i>) Youth Praise and Worship Leader	08/2015 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led congregation in song and promoted a fun and moving atmosphere.	
Youth With a Mission (<i>Kona, Hawaii & Manila, Philippines</i>) Missionary Evangelist, Team Leader	09/2017 - 3/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked in inner-city homes, mentoring disadvantaged youth.	
Bowdoin College (<i>Brunswick, Maine</i>) Resident Proctor/RA	08/2015 - 05/2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proctored and Counseled underclassmen. Provided assistance and community to First-Years.	
Johns Hopkins Medicine (<i>Sibley Memorial Hospital</i>) Emergency Room Volunteer	06/2012 - 08/2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided assistance and resources to healthcare workers.	

EDUCATION

University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BS in Computer Science	College Park MD expected graduation: Dec 2021
Flatiron School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Stack Web Development, Ruby on Rails and Javascript program	Washington, D.C. 01/ 2020 - 05/2020
Bowdoin College <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BA in Music	Brunswick, ME 05 / 2018