Hi! My name's **Amy Simmons**. I'm a full-stack **web developer** in **Sydney**, Australia.

MY STORY IN <100 WORDS

I spent the first three months of 2015 transitioning from a journalist/digital producer into a full-stack web developer who can build apps from scratch using a variety of programming languages and libraries.

I graduated from General Assembly's Web Development Immersive course in April. During the course I worked the hardest I've ever worked, and I loved every minute of it.

I can't wait to find an amazing workplace where I can put my skills and passions to use, continue learning to code and become the best developer I can be.

DEVELOPER EXPERIENCE

April to June 2015: ThoughtWorks LevelUp program
During this 8-week course I will build a smart watch app using **JavaScript** and **Backbone.js** in an agile, cross-functional team.

January to April 2015: Web Development Immersive, General Assembly
During this 12-week, full-time course I learned both front and back end web development. My three projects (see below) were built with **Ruby on Rails**, **JavaScript** and **Backbone.js**.

March 2015: Rails Girls Mentor
After having attended both the Rails Girls Beginner and Next workshops, it was finally my turn to be a mentor at the March 2015 event.

July 2014: Rails Girls Next
During this workshop I built a calculator, an ATM, and learnt about test-driven development.

January 2014: Front-End Web Development, General Assembly
During this 10-week, part-time course I learned **HTML, CSS, JavaScript** and **jQuery** basics. I also used **D3.js** for my final project (see below).

November 2013: Rails Girls Beginner
During this workshop I wrote my first line of Ruby and built a simple Rails blog.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

January 2009 to December 2014: Journalist/Digital Producer, Australian Broadcasting Corporation
One **achievement** in my time at the ABC was being nominated for a Walkley Award for Excellence in Multimedia Storytelling for producing the Promise Tracker – an interactive data visualisation project, which I led for 12 months.

EDUCATION

2005 to 2008: Bachelor of Journalism & Bachelor of Arts, University of Queensland
I graduated with a GPA of 6 (out of 7). My Arts majors were Religion and Political Science.

SKILLS

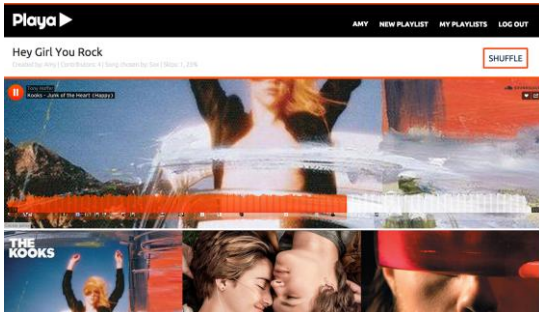JavaScript, jQuery, Backbone.js, Underscore.js, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, HTML, CSS,

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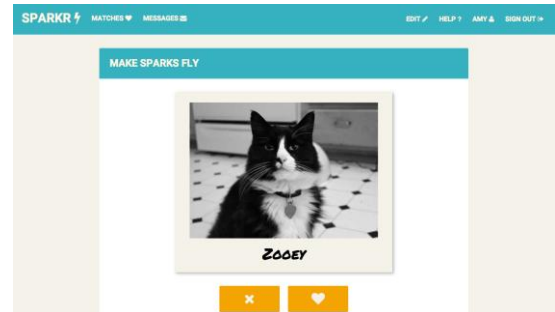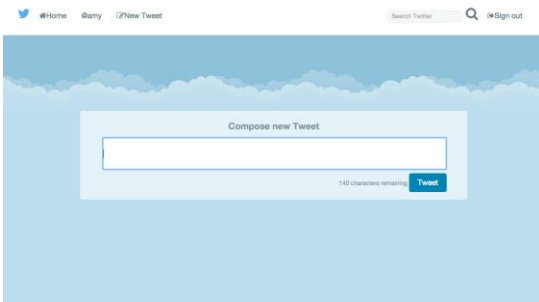
REFERENCES

Available on request.

A SELECTION OF MY WORK

Playa: My final project for Web Development Immersive. Playa brings democracy to music playlists, allowing guests to add an equal number of songs and vote to skip.

Sparkr: My second project for Web Development Immersive. Sparkr is a dating app for mature-aged singles, where connections are formed through moments.
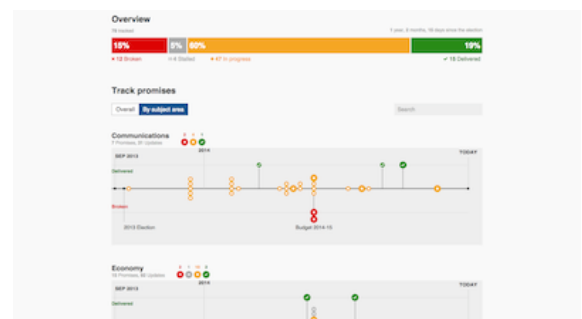

Twitter: My first project for Web Development Immersive. I built a version of Twitter which allows users to quickly and easily separate accredited News tweets from the noise.

Faith in Numbers: I built this website in March 2014 as my final project in General Assembly's Front-End Web Development course. It was my first time using d3js.

Why online journalists should learn to code: I built this website just for fun prior to starting Web Development Immersive.

Promise Tracker: I produced Australia's first interactive election promise tracker, which was nominated for a Walkley Award for excellence in multimedia journalism.