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☰ IN A NUTSHELL

Pro at Javascript and web development with an emphasis on backend development.

What do I bring to the table?

Eagerly anticipating having my 2 years of independent learning come into contact with the working world of software development and technology. With my background in philosophy - my passion for abstract ideas and critical thinking demands that I understand concepts deeply. I love to challenge both myself and others to make connections and have a thorough understanding of the current task as well as its broader implications.

I don't want...

...Just another job. I want to solve problems and be a part of a team that is passionate about learning and software development.

The tech I Node.js, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Bootstrap, HTML5, CSS and more.

“James was relied upon for his ability to quickly adapt across multiple roles within the two departments. James was very receptive to learning new practises and providing support in any capacity that was needed to ensure smooth business operation. James was also a quick learner, tech-savvy and articulate team player who got along well with his colleagues.” —Jayne Parish (HicksMorley LLP)

👜 EXPERIENCE

Records Management Specialist | HicksMorley

MAY 2017 – COVID-19 LAYOFF

A position which began as a 4 month internship, developed into a fruitful 2.5 year professional experience due to the decision to pursue a career in software development instead of law.

This position required an intimate knowledge of a number of softwares that dealt with database management and data entry. The position also required involvement with the management of physical files.

Full Stack Developer | Self-taught

APRIL 2018 – PRESENT

Currently have completed numerous full stack applications that adhere to the RESTful routing pattern (code available on GitHub).

Launched my first application last year (<https://torontoscreenings.herokuapp.com/>). It is a subscription based tool for fans of the independent theatre scene in Toronto. The application utilizes web scraping techniques to compile daily screenings on its home page, as well as update users by either email or SMS. It also has a twitter bot associated with it that makes scheduled posts.

During quarantine I launched a server that currently hosts four bots. This application is a part of an initiative I have to populate social media platforms with more "wholesome" content. Each bot is a painter, philosopher or writer and is programmed to take data from different APIs such as wikiMedia, goodReads, and poetryDb - perform some operations on the data - then post to its respective social media platform using its api. This project is growing and has bots added to it regularly

Currently developing and launching a more local style craigslist application that allows users to post ads soliciting meetups for more refined hobbies such as photography, attending movie screenings, the discussion of books etc. It is meant to function as a tool for bringing together strangers with shared hobbies.

Other notable skills and positions:

- **LSAT test I** Scored in 95th percentile
- **Philosophy Department, Event Coordinator (peer elected)** Trent University
2015-2016



EDUCATION

B.A Philosophy (Minor in Economics) Trent University
SEPT 2014 — APRIL 2017

Transfer Credits I UOIT
SEPT 2012 — JAN 2014

Completed a year and a half of the **Applied and Industrial Mathematics** program before transferring to TrentU.