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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Career transitioner with a background in education and content writing currently developing full-stack applications using React, Node.js, and PostgreSQL. Fluent in Japanese (N1). Seeking a junior development role in Kansai with opportunities for skill-development and long-term growth.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism
B.S. in Journalism, Integrated Marketing Communications Certificate, Advanced Asian Languages (Japanese) Minor
Graduated: June, 2021

EXPERIENCE

English Instructor/ Educator
Various locations across Japan: 2021-Present

- Designed and delivered lessons to students aged 3–15 across multiple schools and private academies.
- Collaborated with Japanese staff in bilingual environments; adapted lessons based on student needs and learning goals.
- Communicated with students' parents in Japanese to ensure satisfaction and alignment on goals.
- Created original lesson materials tailored to student levels and interests; mentored students for standardized exams such as Eiken.
- Participated in cross-cultural work environments and managed classrooms independently.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Japanese (JLPT N1)
Frameworks and Libraries: React, Redux, Express
Databases: PostgreSQL
Programming Languages: Javascript, HTML, CSS (6 months of hands-on experience)
Certifications: Japanese Driver's License, TEFL
Tools: Git, GitHub, MS Office, Google Suite; Photoshop (basic), Lightroom (basic), InDesign(basic)

Projects

Jammming- React/Spotify API Playlist Generator

- Built a React app integrating the Spotify API. Users can search tracks, build a playlist, and save it to their Spotify account.
- Used React hooks and prop-drilling to manage state; prioritized clean UX/UI.

Inspiration- React/ Redux To-Do List App with Widgets

- Created a dynamic to-do app with Redux state management and API integrations.
- Added real-time weather, randomized quotes, and customizable background images.

Cafe Favorites- React/Redux Portfolio Project

- Built a responsive frontend for browsing and favoriting cafes.
- Integrated state management and reusable components.