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SUMMARY

Full-stack web developer with object-oriented programming skills (primarily Ruby/Rails), front-end development skills and a commitment to best practices (test-driven development, continuous integration, agile methods).

EXPERIENCE

THORLABS | January 2018 - Present

Developing reusable web-based tools (UI and database admin) using ColdFusion, SQL, HTML, CSS and Agile for an international company that creates photonics equipment for research.

FIREHOSE | Bootcamp Capstone Project

Contributed to the development of an online chess application using test-driven development and agile methodology.

♔ Created movement and obstruction logic for chess pieces, and a method for determining whether a king is in check. [See the code on GitHub.](#)

♚ Used jQuery to dynamically create buttons for pawn promotion, and jQuery ui draggable and droppable to update piece locations through a RESTful JSON API. [See the code on GitHub.](#)

🔗 Collaborated with remote team using agile methods: stand-up meetings/sprint planning (Google Hangouts), task boards (Trello), TDD (RSpec), continuous integration and deployment (Codeship), and pull requests/code reviews (GitHub).

PROJECTS

[Chesster](#) - A two-sided, video-streaming marketplace platform that features credit card payment capabilities, user role management, complex user interfaces, and advanced database relationships.

[Grammable](#) - An Instagram clone that was built using industry-standard, test-driven development following numerous red/green/refactor cycles.

SKILLS

Languages Ruby, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

Libraries/Frameworks Ruby on Rails, jQuery, Bootstrap

Database PostgreSQL

User Authentication Devise

Testing Frameworks RSpec (Unit Testing), Codeship (Continuous Integration and Deployment)

Version Control Git/GitHub

CSS Preprocessor Familiarity with SASS

EDUCATION

Full-Stack Web Development | Firehose Project

MSc., Soil and Water Science | University of Florida

BSc., Environmental Biology | Columbia University