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SUMMARY

Front-end Web Developer at the intersection of form and function. BA in creative writing combined with more recent study at UCLA in full stack web development where over 200 classroom hours were spent focusing on gaining technical programming skills using HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, JQuery, NodeJS, MySQL, MongoDB, Express, Handlebars, ReactJS, Heroku, Web APIs, RESTful APIs, Git and testing. Self-directed; self-motivated; and highly organized. Accountable, and focused; passionate about seeing projects through from ideation to delivery and troubleshooting complex issues.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Frontend: HTML5, CSS, JQuery, Javascript, Bootstrap, AJAX, ReactJS

Backend: MySQL, NoSQL, MongoDB, Express, Node, Handlebars

Other Competencies: Responsive Design, Local Storage, Git, Github, Heroku, debugging

PROJECTS

Emergence | https://github.com/AWSiegfried/Emergence_v1 | https://awsiegfried.github.io/Emergence_v1/

This web application is the solution to finding new local emerging artists by city. It aggregates data from various sources and creates a user-friendly, data-centric overview that gives the user a complete perspective of a band in under 30 seconds.

- Collaborated with a team of 4 developers in all phases of the development lifecycle.
- Front end developer: Created, launched, maintained, and optimized for an engaging user interface.
- Brainstormed ideas for user experience and future developments.
- Used Adobe XD for wireframing and Unsplash for background images.
- Communicated with remote team members on Slack, Discord and Zoom throughout development.
- HTML, JavaScript, JQuery, CSS, Bootstrap, Spotify & YouTube APIs, JSCharting, Google Fonts

The Quarantine Game | <https://github.com/ttngu/QuarantineGame> | <https://gentle-cliffs-28390.herokuapp.com/>

The Quarantine Game provides an outlet for people who want to come together with friends to have a fun game night while also practicing social distance.

- Participated with a team of 4 to design, develop, debug, and deploy the web application.
- Front end developer: Assisted with the user interface and design of the site.
- Engaged in design and planning sessions to provide guidance and feedback
- Used Mockflow for wireframing.
- Thorough Documentation of all code changes through appropriate change control.
- HTML, JavaScript, CSS, Bootstrap, AJAX

Self Care Pirates | <https://github.com/ShanniSnax/self-care-pirates> | <https://aqueous-refuge-56122.herokuapp.com/>

Self Care Pirates is a forum where men can go to access more knowledge and resources for their personal care.

- Worked with a team of 3 to write code and code tests, build prototypes, and troubleshoot.
- Front end developer: Assisted with the overall design and took ownership of the 'Our Story' page.
- Built the React components.
- Used Figma for wireframing and Adobe Color to implement a color scheme.
- Used Agile methodology, Trello boards for project management and participated in weekly SCRUM meetings to stay on task.
- Presented the project to 30 developers for critique and peer review.
- React, CSS, Bootstrap, Json Web Token (JWT), Axios, AWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

Native America Today

Co-Editor

July 2019- October 2020

Los Angeles, CA

Native America Today is a non-profit digital magazine that provides breaking news and other stories related to the Native American community.

- Managed and maintained a WordPress site, making regular posts and updates.
- Edited and updated a full instruction guide for using the WordPress site.
- Worked closely with the editor to decide which breaking news and lead stories to post, while also assisting with story editing and image selections.
- Worked with the developer to resolve all website issues that occurred.
- Worked with the developer to implement a more efficient and seamless system for reordering posts on the backend of the site.

Nanny

January 2018- January 2019

Los Angeles, CA

- Cooked healthy meals for the infant on a weekly basis, creating a quick and easy system where the parents could grab a meal and heat it up on the spot without any preparation involved.
- Managed a daily schedule and facilitated age-appropriate learning activities to enhance child development.
- Scheduled and organized playdates and communicated with other parents to decide on meetup times, etc..

Urban Outfitters

November 2012 - December 2018

Senior Sales Associate

Los Angeles, CA

- Led a team of 10-15 associates to consistently and successfully achieve sales goals and maintain store standards in the absence of managers.
- Mentored and trained new hires and taught them about the brand, while providing ongoing encouragement after the standard training period was over.
- Worked closely with the store merchandiser to uphold company standards while organizing and displaying new products each season.

EDUCATION

UCLA Extension, Los Angeles (virtual)

Full Stack Development certificate

January 2021

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Bachelor of Arts in English – Emphasis on Creative Writing and Literature