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Projects (available at chrisboaks.com and github)

- ArtStack - a social art-sharing site and clone of theartstack.com. Implemented in RoR and Backbone.js. Combines AJAX requests and jQuery DOM changes with unconventional CSS for seamless favoriting and following. Stores artists as tags to simplify database. Uses Paperclip and Amazon S3 for image storage and retrieval.
- Asteroids.js - a remake of the classic arcade game using JS and HTML5 canvas. Employs jQuery for input handling. Features sound, a dynamic starry background, and color-changing radiant explosions.

Skills

Ruby, Rails, JS, Backbone.js, jQuery, SQL, HTML, CSS, Git, TDD.

Work History

Legal Assistant, Litigation: May 2008 – August 2014

Willkie Farr & Gallagher, NYC

- Create and use a substantially automated workflow to prepare exhibits and other documents for trials and filings;
- Initiated department-wide use of RegEx-based text editor and led instruction in its use;
- Maximized database efficiency by designing complex Boolean searches for multiple databases;
- Train new employees and interview applicants;
- Bluebook and cite check pleadings (including those filed in the U.S. Supreme Court).

Program Assistant: April 2007 – October 2007

The Practising Law Institute, NYC

- Maintained correspondence and scheduling of faculty, authors, and attendees;
- Created organizational tools for department;
- Coordinated publication of course treatises.

Mathematics and Science Teacher: October 2005 – February 2007

NYC Department of Education (Member of NYC Teaching Fellows), Bronx NY

- Taught daily sixth, seventh, and eighth grade mathematics lessons and eighth grade science lessons adhering to NYS Mathematics Standards;
- Designed after-school architecture and design club with school's art department.

Education

Graduate - App Academy, NYC (Web Development Bootcamp)

- Intensive program emphasizing coding style and best practices
- Highly selective admissions policy - acceptance rate below 5%

Master of Science, Teaching (not completed) - Pace University, NYC

Bachelor of Science, Physics - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI