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SUMMARY

A current animal care professional with a background in psychology and public speaking, and a recent graduate of the University of Washington's intensive full stack development boot camp. Has an appetite for continuous learning, collaboration, and problem-solving, and is planning to create and maintain websites while also developing iOS and Android apps. Currently learning to become an AWS certified cloud practitioner. Able to collaborate and work with diverse teams while solving problems in fast-paced and high-stress environments. An articulate individual who enjoys connecting with co-workers and is passionate about building applications that assist people to make their lives easier. Looking to bring attention to detail and technical skills to a company to grow and become a valuable asset.

SKILLS

Technical skills: HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Node, jQuery, Bootstrap, SQL, Git, database knowledge, data structures,

Soft skills: Critical thinking, time management, conflict resolution, attention to detail, team integration and collaboration, public speaking and presentation, high level problem-solving, written and verbal communication, and positive interpersonal skills.

PROJECTS

TasteBuds | <https://github.com/chrissy-sohal/TasteBuds> | <https://pure-dawn-43328.herokuapp.com/>

- This is a social media app that allows the user to create a profile, see other users posts, create posts, and join other events
- Responsibilities: Front-end styling, listings page, user profile page and editing.
- Tools / languages used: HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Node, React, MERN stack, Apollo, GraphQL, MongoDB, Mongoose, Heroku, Tailwind.

Workout Nation | <https://github.com/chrissy-sohal/Workout-Nation> | <https://boiling-dusk-37737.herokuapp.com/>

- This is a workout tracker app. Users will be prompted to sign up or log in to begin which will therefore be stored into the database, which can be recalled upon.
- Responsibilities: Team lead, went between front-end and back-end. Worked with and added the code for Passport.js.
- Tools / languages used: HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Node, Passport.js, Handlebars.js, MySQL, Sequelize, JSON, Cloudinary.

Team Profile Generator | <https://github.com/chrissy-sohal/team-profile-generator> | <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VPH3yp-dKEOKVj2ZVnorHtNvozn5g6z/view>

- A Node.js command-line application that takes in information about employees on a software engineering team and generates an HTML webpage that displays summaries for each person.

- Tools / languages used: JavaScript, Node.js, HTML

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Staff Biologist, Asian Forest Sanctuary Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

2021 – Present
Tacoma, WA

Provide general husbandry care for Asian species. Present daily keeper talks and surprise encounters with the public. This is a fast-paced working environment that involves the care of lethal animals. Because of the potentially lethal component of this role, a high level of communication and critical thinking are required for the safety of the animals and the humans of the team.

Key Accomplishments:

- Successfully implemented new strategies for team collaboration and improved team communication.
- Was personally asked by management to take on various leadership roles including, helping to train new employees, mentoring lower-level employees, and taking charge in creating a new internship program.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Primary Arctic Keeper Toledo Zoo & Aquarium

2020 – 2021
Toledo, OH

Promoted to Provided basic husbandry care to Arctic species. Conducted multiple talks, behind the scenes tours, and Facebook live events to the public. This was a fast-paced working environment that involved the care of lethal animals. Because of the potentially lethal component of this role, a high level of communication and critical thinking were required for the safety of the animals and the humans of the team.

Key Accomplishments:

- Was asked personally by management to step into this leadership role of taking over and managing the day-to-day operations of the Arctic area.
- Managed 2-3 people daily out of a rotating team of 7 individuals.
- Created new protocols and SOPs that are still in place to this day.

EDUCATION

Program Certificate-Full Stack Development: University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2023

A 24-week intensive program focused on gaining skills in full stack development. Currently learning front end and back end technologies through a dynamic full stack curriculum, including HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, Express.js, React.js, Node.js, Database Theory, MongoDB, MySQL, Command Line, Git, etc.

B.A. in Psychology: Thomas More University, Crestview Hills, KY

2009 – 2013