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SUMMARY

Versatile and results-driven professional with a unique background in animal care, psychology, and full-stack development. A recent graduate of the University of Washington's intensive program, bringing a blend of leadership from animal care roles and technical proficiency in HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, Node, and React. I am known for my adaptability, collaborative spirit, and commitment to continuous learning. I am passionate about leveraging my diverse skill set to contribute to dynamic projects, solve complex challenges, and thrive in fast-paced environments. With a proven track record in project management, team leadership, and hands-on development, I am poised to bring innovation and a positive impact to any team or project.

SKILLS

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

Soft skills: Critical thinking, leadership, 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-dKEOKVj2ZVnorHtNvozxn5g6z/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   2021 – Present
Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium   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 employees, leading various projects, and taking charge in creating a new internship program.
- Create new protocols and SOPs.
- Safety Committee Representative and in charge of conducting monthly safety drills for the team. This includes writing the drill protocol, all planning involved and documenting the results of the drill.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Large Mammal Keeper & Primary Arctic Keeper
            2018 – 2021
Toledo Zoo & Aquarium   Toledo, OH
Provided general husbandry care for a variety of large mammal species ranging from hoofstock, pachyderms, and large carnivores. Conducted multiple talks, behind the scenes tours, and Facebook live events to the public. Promoted to manage the area of Arctic species in 2020. 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 a new 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