

# CHRISSY SOHAL

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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. 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