Nathan Cruz

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SUMMARY

Results-driven elementary school educator with 9+ years of experience creating inclusive learning environments and empowering students. Recently earned a Full Stack Web Development Certificate from the University of Washington, demonstrating proficiency in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Node.js, and more. Creative problem solver with an analytical mindset and attention to detail. Collaborative team player with a track record of effectively working in multidisciplinary teams. Passionate about continuous learning and contributing to innovative web applications. Ready to leverage educational background and technical skills to thrive as a full stack web developer in a dynamic team environment.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- HTML, CSS, Git, JS, APIs, Node, OOP, Express.js, MySQL, Sequelize, ORM, MVC
- JQuery, JSON, DOM, NoSQL, Apollo, Progressive Web Apps, React, MERN stack
- Bootstrap, TailwindCSS, Bulma, Jest, Heroku

PROJECTS

Art Mart | https://github.com/crzn24/artmart | https://devartmart.herokuapp.com/

Summary: A MERN full-stack application for an e-commerce site that sells art prints, allowing users to create an account, add prints to their cart, and purchase them. Users can also log back in at a later date to find unpurchased items in their cart.

Technologies: Node, Express, React, GraphQL, Apollo, MongoDB, Mongoose ODM, TailwindCSS, bcrypt, dotenv, Cloudinary, Stripe

Vapour | https://github.com/crzn24/Steam-Achievement-Picker | https://vapour-for-gamers.herokuapp.com/

Summary: A full stack web app that acts as an unofficial extension for the Steam client and tracks gaming achievements. Links a user's Steam ID to display purchased games and their corresponding achievements. Also helps users decide which achievements to attempt next.

Technologies: Express, Handlebars, Node, MySQL, Sequelize, Tailwind CSS, bcrypt, dotenv, Steam API

Gif Me That Movie & TV Info | https://github.com/crzn24/gif_me_that | https://crzn24.github.io/gif_me_that/

Summary: A responsive front-end application that allows users to search for movie and tv show information while including related gifs.

Technologies: HTML, CSS, JS, Bulma, third-party APIs

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Paraeducator - SPED

Dec 2014 - Present

Renton School District, Benson Hill Elementary Renton, WA

Facilitated specialized instruction and comprehensive support for students with diverse needs at primary and intermediate grade levels, both individually and in group settings. Delivered engaging lessons encompassing fundamental subjects, including reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social/life skills, within instructional learning centers as well as inclusive general education classrooms. Diligently maintained accurate student records and meticulously tracked data to monitor progress and inform instructional strategies. Additionally, collaborated with fellow educators to conduct an after-school enrichment program, teaching art classes that catered to both general education students and those with special needs

Paraeducator - Summer Adventures Program

Jul 2018 - Aug 2019

Renton School District, Tiffany Park Elementary Renton, WA

Provided vital support to grade level summer school teachers in classroom environments, delivering focused instruction and mentoring smaller groups of students. Fostered collaborative relationships with educators to develop engaging lessons and interactive activities that promoted active learning and student engagement. Assisted in the supervision of student activities, including: arrival, lunch, recess, and dismissal, ensuring a safe and structured environment. Applied strong communication and organizational skills to facilitate seamless coordination between students, teachers, and staff.

EDUCATION

University of Washington Seattle, WA

Sept 2022 - Mar 2023

Full Stack Web Development Boot Camp Professional Certificate

A 24-week rigorous program focused on gaining technical programming skills in HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, JQuery, Bootstrap, Firebase, Node.js, MySQL, MongoDB, Express, Handelbars.js, and ReactJS

University of Washington Seattle, WA

Fall 2010 - Spring 2014

BA in American Ethnic Studies
Minors in Diversity and Education, Learning, & Societies