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Work Experience

Software Engineer/System Administrator Voters Voice Amendment (VVA)

Feb 2024 - Current

Technologies: Typescript, Next.js, Sass, PostgreSQL, Prisma

Designed, developed, and launched the Voters Voice Amendment ([VVA](#)) platform to pilot direct initiation and voting on federal and state law proposals, bypassing traditional legislative pathways.

- Developed using TypeScript in Next.js and Sass, ensuring a fully responsive design for desktop and mobile.
- Designed and managed the PostgreSQL database. Utilized the ORM Prisma to maintain data integrity and optimize performance for high-volume user interactions.

Software Engineer/System Administrator 57 West Capital Advisors, Inc.

Aug 2022 - Current

Technologies: Typescript, Next.js, Sass

Led the development and maintenance of the [57 West Capital Advisors](#) website, ensuring responsiveness and up-to-date content.

- Interacted with representatives of the company regularly to understand their needs and implement updates.
- Responsible for building/editing code in Next.js with TypeScript, updating external libraries, and production deployment.

Bioinformatics Engineer Mendelgen

Sept 2021 - July 2023

Technologies: React, Redux

Developed and enhanced bioinformatic web applications for [Mendelgen](#) allowing biologists to simulate biological assays.

- Devised and created algorithms to simulate many DNA cloning techniques, along with PCR, allowing scientists to study anticipated results enhancing research capabilities.
- Built using React and extensively utilizes Redux to maintain data across features on the site.

Software Engineer Artemis Consulting, Inc.

Dec 2017 - Jan 2020

Technologies: Python, Java, Django, Flask, Angular, Apache Solr, OpenSeadragon, Docker, AWS

Developed and maintained accessible, user friendly web applications for the Library of Congress facilitating efficient web archive searches and seamless online submission of new copyrights.

- Enhanced the ProjectOne search application on the [Library of Congress](#) website, focusing on newspaper archives, and leveraged OpenSeadragon for viewing and clipping digitized articles.
- Co-developed an online copyright submission platform using Angular and Java, deployed on AWS ECS with Docker.

Bioinformatics Engineer In Silico Solutions

May 2014 – Dec 2017

Technologies: Java, Python, R, Javascript, HTML, MySQL, Docker

Designed and developed web-based applications, bioinformatics pipelines, and Docker images to assist biologists with the analysis of public/private biological data.

- Developed bioinformatics pipelines for the MD Anderson Cancer Center's Reverse Phase Protein Array (RPPA) core facility. Created Docker images to enable independent organizations to deploy the pipeline using private data.
- Collaborated with the Karchin lab at Johns Hopkins University to design and develop [CRAVAT](#), a genomic sequence variant annotation software, and [MuPIT](#), a 3D protein variant viewer. Contributed to building Docker images to facilitate secure, scalable software distribution.

Education

MS, Human and Molecular Genetics Virginia Commonwealth University

Aug 2010 – May 2014

Thesis Research: "Comprehensive Review on the Existence of Genomic Imprinting in Aves"

BS, Biology

Aug 2006 – May 2010

College of William and Mary

Major: Biology Minor: Mathematics