ELLIOT WILSON

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SKILLS React, Redux, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Javascript, jQuery, SQL, MERN, Git, HTML5, CSS3

PROJECTS

Wide World (Javascript, Ruby, Rails, React, Redux, PostgreSQL, jQuery, Google Maps API, HTML5, CSS3)

Live Site | Github

- A fullstack single-page clone of AtlasObscura where users can add descriptions and photos of unique places, tag them, and display maps of places they've visited

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 - Minimized AJAX calls by bundling related data using Rail's ActiveRecord associations, while also avoiding N+1 queries through eager loading
 - Designed elegant, normalized application state designed using Redux, making the application scalable, legible, and efficient
 - Incorporated AWS S3 web storage to host article and user photos, improving load-time

Poly-Glot (Javascript, HTML5, CSS3)

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A Vanilla JS web app that generates playable Spelling Bee-style word puzzles

- Developed heuristic algorithm that quickly generates word puzzles inspired by the New York Time's Spelling Bee game
- Optimized performance by pre-processing dictionary to remove unplayable words, which reduced file size by 20% and improved load-time
- Engineered dynamic, refreshable game-board using DOM manipulation and event listeners, as well as an appealing scorebar

Beat Match (Javascript, MongoDB, Express.js, React, Redux, Node.js, Axios, Spotify API, HTML5, CSS3)

Live Site | Github A fullstack single-page web app that recommends Spotify playlists based on user responses to witty questions. Users save playlists to their profiles and add friends

- Constructed a non-relational database with MongoDB that allowed the application to quickly access nested information (e.g. playlists and their songs) with Axios calls
- Embedded Spotify playlists in React components, allowing customized media playback for users
- Improved user experience by combining CSS transitions, modals, and dynamic scrolling to create a modern, sleek design
- Streamlined collaboration on team of 4 using GitHub's version-control system, allowing simultaneous work on individual branches
- Implemented custom React user search that converts searchbar input into a Regular Expression, allowing for partial matches

EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, Graduate Research Assistant Princeton, NJ

2017-2021

- Organized international virtual conference on "Specialized Labor in Classical Antiquity" featuring 18 papers and 150+ attendees
- Designed lessons plans and taught small-group precepts (~12 students each) in courses on ancient history and politics
- Advised 40+ students on research topics and evaluated student work through grading and conferencing
- Received 2021 Graduate School Teaching Award, alongside research grants and fellowships from the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies and Princeton's Program in the Ancient World

Mercer Digital, Workday Payroll Implementation Consultant Dallas, TX

2015-2017

- Managed payroll component of Workday software implementation for 6 companies in industries including financial services, telecommunications, and healthcare. Developed timelines and workflows to keep projects on track for 8 to 16 months
- Led weekly status calls and conducted multi-day on-site planning/training meetings with client-side HR/payroll teams
- Rapidly learned industry-, location-, and organization-specific business needs as well as relevant tax and labor regulations to ensure accurate and compliant payroll system
- Built macros in Excel to streamline data-conversion for migrations and performance testing, reducing time and effort by >50%

EDUCATION

App Academy New York, NY

2021

• Full-stack software engineering bootcamp. Intensive 1000+ hour course with <3% acceptance rate.

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

2017-2021

• MA in Classics. GPA 3.95.

Harvard University Cambridge, MA

2011-2015

• BA in Classics, summa cum laude. GPA 3.94. Phi Beta Kappa. John Harvard Scholar. Hoopes Thesis Prize. Smyth Thesis Prize.