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## OBJECTIVE

No matter the platform or language, I like to build software (dreams of hardware, too). I am interested in and passionate about solving problems with all things technical.

## SKILLS

- React.js
- jQuery
- PHP
- SQL
- npm

- AWS
- Webpack
- Git
- Heroku
- Handlebars

## BURGEONING INTERESTS

- ARKit
- Blockchain
- Machine learning
- Arduino
- GraphQL

## EXPERIENCE

**Strivven Media, Asheville, North Carolina** | *Software Developer*                    **June 2016 – Current**
- One of three web developers for the VirtualJobShadow.com career exploration platform, over 500,000 active users
- Responsible for feature builds from design specs to HTML, styling, front-end JS, PHP middleware and API, and SQL tables, views, and stored procedures
- Constant feature sprints mixed with customer service driven bug fixing procedure

- **Extended work experience and education on next page**

## PROJECTS

**PallyPal** | http://graysonhicks.github.io/pallypal                    **September 2017**
*A canvas based color palette generator that exports a stylesheet with semantically named variables*
- Offered as a web version, uses Javascipt and HTML5 canvas to get color code based on canvas position
- Uses a Node server hosted on Heroku to generate a palette and create and download the specified stylesheet
- Also offered as an npm package for returning the palette as JSON in your code when passed a base color
- I created this to consolidate several tools I was using for palette generation and wanted it to match my naming convention

**vrWorkplace** | https://graysonhicks.github.io/vrWorkplace/                    **June 2017**
*An app allowing users to choose and explore different workplaces*
- I have a major interest in VR and AR technologies, and this is my first step in learning those technologies
- Uses React-VR to build the environment, and regular React/React-Native principles and designs
- Major difference is its uses of 3D space in positioning, otherwise very similar feel to React-Native

**Parkary.com** | http://www.parkary.com/                    **May 2016**
*A consistent, functional, and attractive way to explore city parks*
- Full scale CRUD app for finding, rating, reviewing and sharing city parks
- Views built with React.js, models, collections and router with Backbone
- Scaffolded with custom Yeoman generator, styled with straight Sass and Bootstrap
- Deployed with Parse as the backend and hosted using S3 buckets and Heroku server

**Sanctum Ipsum** | http://graysonhicks.github.io/sanctum-ipsum                    **April 2017**
*A lorem ipsum generator for Catholic creative professionals*
- React.js app that generates lorem ipsum filler text for Catholic creative professionals
- Published as a npm package for use as a standalone library
- Also built simple API, as requested, with Node, hosted on Heroku

**Full portfolio at** github.com/graysonhicks

**The Iron Yard, Greenville, South Carolina**                                   **February – April 2016**
*Front-End Web Engineering Student*
- After a lifelong interest and hobby of programming, left the finance world to purse web development as a career
- Twelve week immersive coding school with daily and weekly app builds, as well as large scale final project
- Focused on Javascript, technologies learned include: Backbone, React, Underscore, jQuery, Sass, Git, and Parse
- Prior to course, spent four months doing self-study with Treehouse, Codecademy, books, etc.


**First Citizens Bank, Columbia, South Carolina**                                **April 2012 – May 2015**
*Licensed Personal Banker I to II to Sales Manager*
- Managed a branch, leading a team of tellers to reach monthly and annual sales goals
- Built strategy around daily huddles and weekly meetings to gauge performance and team
- Was lead Personal Banker in bank's headquarters branch, a high-profile and demanding position

**Prudential Financial, New Orleans, Louisiana**                                 **October 2010 – March 2012**
*Financial Professional Associate*
- Worked directly with senior Professional with $160M book on advising clients on their financial decisions
- Helped lead 401k enrollment and education meetings, prospected for clients via networking events, seminars, internet programs, phone calls, and mailings
- Skilled at Morningstar and ThomsonReuters software, and used them to develop model portfolio system for senior Professionals
- Developed excellent aptitude of Microsoft Office  as well as network software in preparing data and presentations for clients

## EDUCATION
**Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, Louisiana**                      **August 2007 - December 2010**
B.A. of International Studies
Concentrated in:  Development and the Environment/Africa
Awarded Full Tuition Golden Oaks/Bengal Legacy Scholarships

**A.C. Flora High School, Columbia, South Carolina**                             **August 2004 - May 2006**
International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipient

**McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee**                                      **August 2002 - May 2004**
Awarded Half Tuition Honors Scholarship