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Work Experience

Software Engineer

Spring 2018-Present

Fireside

Engineer for a product suite servicing the technology needs of congressional offices

- Upgraded several .NET applications to use a modern Angular front-end
- Architected a custom messaging service that connects congressional staffers with constituents and agencies
- Reworked the layout and styling of Fireside's marquee web platform as part of a major user interface redesign
- Developed mapping tools to filter and selectively correspond with constituents based on their geographic location
- · Quickly responded to time sensitive client feature requests and urgent bug fixes

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Software Developer

Summer 2014-Spring 2018

Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies Lab

Primary developer for websites and services used by many state Departments of Transportation to monitor road networks

- · Supervised and trained small teams of college students
- · Converted many legacy Flash applications to modern React apps
- Created a custom tailored canvas-based rendering solution that greatly improved the scalability and performance of several map based tools
- Developed and maintained components and systems for existing products
- Built new websites from the ground up through all stages including design, development, deployment and support

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Other Experience Independent Development

Summer 2018-Present

Built several open source websites and packages for personal use and for fun

- Sole author of dcmetromonitor.com, a website built using React and Node that allows users to monitor many aspects of the DC Metro System
- Built an opinionated React starter kit which serves as the base for many of my other projects including us-weather-monitor.herokuapp.com and jamesbcollins.dev
- Published several npm packages with thousands of installations including postcss-twist-url-assets and react-leaflet-extendable

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Education

University of Maryland, College Park, MD B.S., Computer Science May, 2016