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**Professional Biography**

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1999, and grew up in Madeira, a small town outside of Cincinnati. In 2018, I graduated from Madeira High School, and began pursuing my Bachelor’s in Computer Science at the University of Cincinnati. In high school, I got a job working at Kroger as a bagger, then moved on to being a cashier, and was promoted to “Office Helper”, which essentially helped to run the department along with the manager and assistant managers. Due to my reliability and knowledge, I was promoted to the title of Assistant Front End Manager, and help to oversee the accounting of the store, Money Services, and any “Front End” (cashiers, baggers, and self checkout attendants) on duty. I was promoted soon after starting college, but even before that (and since then) I’ve been working for Kroger full time, in addition to either full time classes or my full time co-op positions. My management experience counted for one of my co-op experiences, and for the other four, I was lucky enough to get a role with The David J. Joseph Company for a software programming co-op.

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**Co-Op Work Experience**

**The David J. Joseph Company**

**Software Development Intern**

I was lucky enough to acquire a position with DJJ for my first co-op, and even luckier that they asked me to return for the next three co-ops as well. I’ll explain why I didn’t return for my fifth below. In my time at DJJ, I gained amazing experience within the industry, namely centering on programming in C#, working on websites using HTML, and databases using SQL. Their brokers, as opposed to using software to do their work, simply used websites that were built by teams within DJJ; I was tasked with resolving issues (bugs in the code), and developing new features that users would request. To start, I namely handled small bugs until I gained some experience. Then, I started implementing feature requests, culminating in a new page to help traders track inventories across mills in order to help with ordering and managing their inventory. The majority of their resources were structured as HTML pages with C# logic behind them, which connected to their SQL databases, so while I did have a lot of experience with C# and SQL, I didn’t do quite as much actual HTML development.

**Kroger**

**Assistant Customer Service Manager**

Throughout my career at UC, I maintained my full time role as an “ACSM” at Kroger, and had some classes that I needed to take during the term that I’d normally be completing my last co-op. This position fulfilled the leadership alternative for a co-op, however, so I opted to substitute it and have a “normal school” semester, of sorts. As an ACSM, my responsibilities include handling cash and accounting for the store, overseeing the employees within the department (up to as many as 15 or more at once), handle Money Services transactions (Bill Payments, Money Transfers, Ohio Lottery, etc). We also serve as the manager of the store at times when a member of store management can’t be present, for one reason or another, in which case we’re in charge of every department within the store.

**Type of Project Sought**

I don’t have a specific idea for a project as of yet; I’ve seen some people toss out ideas such as building a game of some sort, or working on software, both of which I find appealing! I don’t have much game development experience, but it certainly sounds like a fun way to get some new, different experience! Working on software may be a little better though, as that’s more so where my knowledge lies.