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**TECHNICAL SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

* **Programming Languages & Technologies:** Python, JavaScript
* **Frameworks & Libraries:** ReactJS, Flask, SQLAlchemy, Formik
* **Databases:** Proficient in SQL for database management and manipulation.
* **Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC):** Completed an intensive software engineering program at Flatiron School, encompassing full-stack development, from understanding fundamental programming concepts and database management to deploying full-stack web applications.
* **Management:** Three (3) years of experience in retail staff development; including selecting, training, supervising and counseling new hires on carrying out proper standards and operations required by the store, as well as the district and regional managers.
* **Bilingual:** Fluent in speaking, reading and writing in Spanish.

**PROJECTS**

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| **[Curble](https://github.com/kcastillo3/Curble)** | Demo |

* Led the development of "Curble," a React and Flask-based platform designed to facilitate community recycling and reuse by enabling users to give away and claim items. This project aimed to connect members through a shared commitment to sustainability.
* Architected and implemented comprehensive backend models using Flask, creating a robust structure for data handling and API integration for dynamic user interactions.
* Enhanced user experience by integrating React Dropzone for direct image uploads from devices, improving the ease of item postings. Focused on UI/UX improvements and rigorous testing phases to ensure functional reliability and user satisfaction.

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| **[Car Capsule](https://github.com/kcastillo3/phase-4-carcapsule-museum)** | Demo |

* Developed "Car Capsule Museum," a full-stack application using React and Flask, designed to serve as a virtual museum where car enthusiasts can explore and review a diverse collection of automobiles.
* Engineered the backend with Flask to manage a robust database, supporting dynamic content operations like CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) for reviews and car details, enhancing user interaction and data integrity.
* Implemented advanced React components for a seamless front-end experience, integrating forms, validation, and custom user interface styling, which significantly improved the application's accessibility and aesthetic appeal.

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| **[Bembe](https://github.com/jennyglitters/Bembe-Phase-4-Project)** | Demo |

* Co-developed "Bembe," a sophisticated web application for a mock restaurant that allows customers to make dining reservations and explore menus, while also providing administrative tools for reservation and menu management.
* Implemented front-end components using advanced web technologies to facilitate user-friendly navigation for reservation booking and menu exploration, ensuring a responsive and intuitive interface.
* Spearheaded the back-end development, creating robust API endpoints for managing reservations and menu items, integrating CRUD functionalities that empower restaurant admins to maintain operational efficiency.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

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| Flatiron School | New York, NY |
| Software Engineering Program, Full-Stack Development with emphasis on AI Integration | 2024 |
| Recipient of the Flatiron Scholarship, 2023 |  |

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| University at Buffalo, The State University of New York | Buffalo, NY |
| Bachelor of Arts in English with Honors, and Minor in Education | 2016 |
| President of the University at Buffalo Wrestling Club |  |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| Multifaceted Professional Experience | New York, NY |
| **Diverse Roles in Retail Management & Recruitment** | 2016 - 2024 |

* Led diverse teams in high-pressure retail environments as an Assistant Manager at Abercrombie & Fitch, US. Polo Association, and Finish Line.
* Managed full lifecycle recruitment for tech positions, demonstrating adaptability and leadership in both customer-facing and B2B settings as a Recruitment Consultant for Nigel Frank International and as a Freelance Recuiter.
* Dramatically reduced store shrinkage by 43%, transforming the location from having one of the highest shrinkage rates in the region to the lowest, through strategic loss prevention initiatives and staff training.