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OBJECTIVE: To meld my existing knowledge of software development with my passion for design and find a challenging and exciting user experience design opportunity with a dynamic, forward thinking, and user focused company.

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES: Sketch, Balsamiq, Adobe illustrator, Adobe photoshop, Axure, HTML5, CSS, Javascript, C++, C#, WPF, Ruby on Rails, Ruby, Java, C, COBOL, Perforce, Git, Source Tree, Snoop.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Front End Developer at Citi

September 2016 – Present

Worked with various teams across Citi to improve the front end experiences of their applications. Worked on bug fixes and feature adds in existing user interfaces as well as created entirely new user interfaces. Observed users interacting with applications to see what pain points they encountered. Worked with users, UX designers, business stake holders, and other UI developers to come up with and implement meaningful solutions to observed issues.

Technical Analyst at Citi

June 2015 - September 2016

Worked on bug fixes and new feature adds for a C#/WPF application that displayed and manipulated trading data. Worked on a proof of concept to test the viability of html5 as a front end for my teams WPF application. Created a program to time various actions that we needed to happen quickly with a large data set. Learned more about design during work on a process improvement project. Got experience wire framing in Balsamiq, creating user personas, and performing usability tests. Planned several office events for networking and team building.

Software development engineer intern at Amazon

Summer 2014

Refactored an old Ruby on Rails site. Created methods to perform operations that were previously done manually. These methods read through a json file and used the data found to generate html forms dynamically. Used metaprogramming to create a class and attribute accessors using class eval. Created validation and unit tests for the methods I wrote. Faced the challenges of learning new languages (Ruby on Rails, Ruby, and Html) and new skills (web development, internal amazon technology, Git, working with a vast a foreign code base) in a short period of time but was able to come away with a successful completed project from front to backend. I also was able to experience working with teammates by engaging in code reviews, writing unit tests, refactoring my code, and providing status through standups and other team meetings.

EDUCATION

Binghamton University, State University of New York

Bachelors of Science, Computer Science

May 2015

Cumulative GPA: 3.61/4.0

Major GPA: 3.55/4.0

Dean's list 4/4 semesters, Women's club lacrosse, Black Student Union fashion show, Cultural Diversity Club Fashion Show, SnowCats (ski and snowboard club)

General Assembly

December 2015 - May 2016

Global educational company focusing on the most relevant and in-demand skills across data, design, business and technology.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

User Experience Design Circuit, General Assembly

April 2016- May 2016

Worked through the user experience design process to design a functional clickable prototype. Each week learned a new UX skill and applied it to the class long project. These skills included discovery and user research, synthesizing research and developing a design strategy, placement and layout design, wire framing and prototyping, user testing, optimizing usability, and portfolio presentation. You can check out the finished project and design process on my website KelseySkaarva.com.

User Experience Design Bootcamp, General Assembly

December 2015

A 1 day 7 hour course which went over a broad spectrum of user experience design principles including

- Modern web UI design
- Various components of user interface design for the web
- Effective layouts for site pages, as well as best practice options for navigation, search, registration/account management, shopping carts and web copy style.
- How to make informed decisions about which types of UI elements to choose when designing a websites.
- Sketching and designing my own mobile app prototype for an improved MTA ticket machine.