

Kirren Covey

FULL STACK SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

About Me

In my first career as a zookeeper, I was driven by my passion for animals and conservation. I loved caring for animals and educating the public about issues I care so much about, but I longed for greater intellectual challenge and more growth opportunities. I'd heard developers in my life discussing their work, always excited by the challenges and problem-solving opportunities it presented. I was intrigued, and with a little investigation I quickly knew that this could be my forever career. Software development presents the opportunity for a true lifetime of learning. I'm excited to be entering a field so diverse and rich in application. I remain passionate about animals and conservation, and hope to find ways to apply my new technical skills to those fields one day.

Personal Projects

BRIDGE!

As a zookeeper, part of my job was training animals and recording training session data. But training sessions happen in the field, in barns, usually nowhere near a computer. Sometimes it was hours before I'd get computer access. Paper notes are no good, due to often working in inclement weather. So, I created Bridge! to provide a mobile solution. Users can add animals and behaviors, record training sessions on the go, and view training history.

Bridge! is a mobile-friendly single-page application built with React.js. It has full CRUD functionality. Photos uploaded by users are stored with Firebase. Styling was done using Reactstrap elements in conjunction with my own CSS.



Education

Full Stack Software Development

Nashville Software School

December 2018 - June 2019

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Central Washington University

2006 - 2010

Summa Cum Laude

Work Experience

FULL STACK DEVELOPER

Nashville Software School

Dec 2018 - Present

Intensive full-time software development boot camp focusing on full stack development fundamentals and problem-solving.

- Application of OOP fundamentals through group and individual projects reflecting real world business problems
- Source code version control with Git/GitHub
- Project management/tracking with Github Projects & Issue Tracking
- JavaScript fundamentals using DRY, modular, readable code and reusable components
- Built browser-based single page applications using React, HTML, and CSS
- Task Automation with Grunt, ESLint, and Browserify
- Application design through white boarding dependencies and building ERD's

GROUP PROJECTS

Welcome To Nashville!

- Single-page app that allows users to build an itinerary for a day in Nashville
- I was responsible for the Parks portion of the project
- Queried the Nashville Metro Parks API using JavaScript fetch to retrieve specific data to match user input
- Used retrieved data to dynamically create DOM components for the user to see and interact with
- Practiced the GitHub workflow as part of a team

Nutshell

- Single-page social media app allowing users to search for and add friends, use a public message board, send private messages to friends in real time, as well as post news articles, events, and tasks
- Practiced using modules and reusable components in React
- I was responsible for the News portion of the project
- Implemented CRUD functionality. Users are shown a list of news items posted by themselves and their friends, sorted by date. They can edit and delete their own, but not those posted by friends.

ZOOKEEPER

Nashville Zoo, Nashville, TN

June 2013 - Dec 2018

- Zookeeper specializing in hoofed mammals
- Responsible for all aspects of daily care, training, and enrichment
- Guest education in both formal keeper chats and on private tours
- Hiring and training interns
- Planning and executing fundraising events as part of the Nashville chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers (volunteer work)

VETERINARY CLINIC ASSISTANT

Animal Medical Service, Yakima, WA

2011 - June 2013

- Responsible for all office duties in a small veterinary practice
- Maintaining detailed animal records
- Assisting with animal procedures as needed

BOOK SELLER

Inklings, Yakima, WA

2011 - June 2013