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Professional Summary

Self-driven front-end developer with 2+ years of coding experience, drawn to development through a passion for solving logic puzzles and complex problems. Mastered programming fundamentals through Codecademy courses and self-directed projects, while leveraging 5 years of 2D animation expertise to create compelling web experiences. Combines technical proficiency and visual design sensibilities to craft intuitive, responsive interfaces, with proven ability to manage complex state and optimize codebases through ambitious projects like digital board game recreations.

Technical Skills

Languages: Javascript, TypeScript, Python, HTML, CSS

Frameworks: Next.js, Vite, Tailwind

Libraries: React, Jotai

Databases: MongoDB

Version Control: Git

Additional Technologies: Vue.js, liquid, Illustrator, Figma

Projects

Wingspan Web App (In Progress)

<https://github.com/kkawakami08/wingspan-vite>

- An online recreation of the *Wingspan* board game, designed for engaging, strategy-based gameplay.
- Built with React, Vite, Tailwind CSS, and Jotai for complex state management, this project involved implementing dynamic UI components and complex game logic for actions like feeding, laying eggs, and bird card interactions.

Trails Game App (In Progress)

<https://github.com/kkawakami08/trails-game-app>

- Meticulously crafted digital recreation of the *TRAILS* board game, featuring pixel-perfect components and dynamic player-based layouts. Built with React, Vite, and Tailwind CSS
- Designed and implemented custom game assets using Adobe Illustrator to maintain visual consistency across the application

Experience

2D Animator, Rejuvica Health – Santa Margarita, CA

2018 – Present

- Develop engaging animated explainer videos to increase customer retention on landing pages
- Collaborate with copywriters using Google Docs for script proofreading and editing
- Design, animate, and compile video/sound assets using Adobe programs
- Utilize Google Workspace for email communication, virtual meetings, and document management
- Exercise creative control over video style, design, and storyboarding

Cocktail Waitress, Danny K's – Anaheim, CA

2017 - 2018

- Efficiently managed multiple tables in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a positive attitude
- Demonstrated strong memory skills by memorizing full alcohol and food menus
- Handled customer credit cards and organized tabs, ensuring smooth transactions

Waitress & Shift Leader, Curry House – Santa Ana, CA

2013 - 2017

- Led and coached employees to improve hospitality, organization, and efficiency
- Addressed and resolved customer complaints to ensure excellent dining experiences
- Compiled daily reports including data entries, incident reports, and improvement suggestions

Education

Cal Poly Pomona – BS in Animal Science - Pre-Vet

Codecademy – Front-End Engineer Career Path