

PROFILE

Before deciding to pursue a career in software development, I was attending college for Computer Networking, while working as an Administrative Assistant. I've always been the person that my family comes to for their technological needs, and I love the challenge of figuring out why a computer isn't working properly. Because of this, I thought I wanted to spend my life troubleshooting computer issues, which would give me the perfect balance of sitting at a desk, while still having the opportunity to get my hands dirty every day. However, after graduating college, I had to make a decision about the direction of my career path. I took classes on HTML, CSS, SQL, and MIT App Inventor when I was in college. The more I learned about programming, the more I found myself being drawn towards it because of the abundant possibilities for career growth in the industry, the daily opportunity for practicing my problem solving skills, and the satisfaction that comes from being able to write code and watch it come to life in the form of a working application.

When I heard about Nashville Software School, it sounded like an amazing opportunity to learn about something I love and turn it into a career that I will enjoy for a lifetime. I took the plunge and applied for the program, and I have loved every minute that I've spent programming ever since.

PROJECTS

Hapi - React

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<https://github.com/laurenriddle/HAPI-Front-End-Capstone>

Backend Capstone

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EXPERIENCE

NASHVILLE SOFTWARE SCHOOL

Full-Stack Software Developer (Sept 2019 - present)

Intensive full-time 6-month software development bootcamp.

- Built single page applications using React.js, Javascript, HTML, CSS/Bootstrap, and json-server for persistent data storage in individual and team-based environments.
- Leveraged GitHub for version control, collaboration with teammates, and project management with Github Projects & Issue tracking.

GROUP PROJECTS

NUTSHELL - REACT

<https://github.com/laurenriddle/reactive-nutshell>

- Team-based project with three other team members that involved creating an app that allowed users to keep track of their tasks, events, news, messages, and friends.
- Single page, CRUD application built using React, Javascript, and leveraging json-server through API fetch calls for persistent data storage.
- Implemented the events component that allowed a user to create, edit, and delete new events, as well as view their friend's events. Also implemented all CSS styling for the entire application.

BACKEND GROUP PROJECT

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TATE ORNAMENTAL, INC.

Administrative Assistant (May 2017 - Sept 2019)

Family owned company specializing in custom Millwork, Metal, and Granite fabrication for residential and commercial projects.

- Administrative assistant to the plant manager of the Millwork division.
- Used QuickBooks to fulfill requests from employees for estimated time of arrival on materials, ordering of materials, and location of consumables and other products.
- Performed weekly inventory on sheet goods, finish products, and consumables and kept stockroom organized.
- Sorted and filed all paperwork and notified project managers when their material arrived at the facility.
- Utilized Google Drive to store, update, and share schedules and inventory sheets.
- Used Automatic Data Processing (ADP) to reconcile and adjust employee timesheets.
- Collaborated with other employees to ship packages, find materials, and create requisitions for materials needed.

EDUCATION

NASHVILLE SOFTWARE SCHOOL

Web Software Developer Certificate

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VOLUNTEER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Computer Information Technology - Networking - A.A.S.