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SKILLS

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Node.js, Git, Python, SystemVerilog, Verilog/VHDL, C++, C, RISC-V, Digital Logic Design, Circuit Analysis, MATLAB

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owl's Nest Café | Café Associate | Santa Cruz, CA 4/2024 - 6/2025

- Managed high-volume customer interactions and order processing systems while maintaining accuracy and efficiency under pressure.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to optimize workflow processes and resolve operational challenges in fast-paced environments.
- Utilized point-of-sale systems and inventory management software to track sales data and maintain detailed records.

Crown Merrill Dining Hall | Food Service Worker | Santa Cruz, CA 9/2022 - 4/2024

- Streamlined preparation processes and maintained quality standards while meeting tight deadlines and performance metrics.
- Troubled equipment malfunctions and implemented solutions to minimize operational disruptions and maintain service continuity.
- Adapted quickly to changing priorities and dynamic work environments while consistently delivering results and maintaining attention to detail.

PROJECT WORK

<https://lkduran.github.io/website/>

- HTML, CSS, and JavaScript frontend showcasing web development and traditional art skills.
- Interactive art gallery with filtering system (watercolor, graphite, ink categories) and individual image viewing pages.
- Responsive design with animated particle background, smooth scrolling navigation, and mobile-optimized layouts.
- Features include dynamic image loading, keyboard navigation, URL-based image routing, and social media integration.
- Custom CSS animations and transitions with performance optimizations for mobile devices.
- Static website structure deployable to any web hosting platform without backend dependencies.

<https://tasks123-16ab6312c2b5.herokuapp.com/>

- Full-stack task management application with Node.js, Express, and MySQL backend
- RESTful API with CRUD operations for creating, editing, deleting, and searching tasks
- Dynamic frontend using vanilla JavaScript with real-time table updates and date-based sorting
- CORS-enabled API with JSON parsing middleware for seamless client-server communication
- Inline edit mode with hidden update form for modifying existing tasks without page reloads
- Deployed to Heroku with environment-based configuration and persistent database storage

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering, University of California Santa Cruz, 2021-2025