






BRITTANY HOUTZ

FULL STACK DEVELOPER

A full stack developer with a bachelor's degree in applied linguistics; passionate about creative problem-solving, empathetic human connection, and commitment to continuous growth and learning. I love to collaborate, and strongly believe that diversity makes for the most effective teams. When not coding, you can find me improving my skills as an aerial artist.

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TECH

Languages: JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Front End: React, Redux
Back End: Node, Express, REST APIs
Database: MongoDB, Mongoose, PostgreSQL
Tools: CLI, Git/GitHub, Heroku, Adobe Photoshop, Compass, Postman, VS Code, Slack
Testing: Jest, QUnit, Travis CI
Other Skills: TDD, DDD, Mob + Pair Programming, Linux

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Alchemy Code Lab - 2020

800+ HOURS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING

Rigorous professional training focusing both on clean code and team-building, individual problem solving, and TDD. Three-part program focusing on a deep dive into vanilla JavaScript, single-page app development and REST APIs, and full-stack React apps with MongoDB + Mongoose.

Hokkaido University - 2014

1 YEAR OF INTENSIVE JAPANESE LANGUAGE STUDY

Focus on Japanese language, culture, politics, economics, and history

Portland State University - 2014

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS MINOR IN SPANISH LANGUAGE

Focus on second language acquisition, cultural competence and ethnographic research, and the politics of language

Portland Community College - 2011

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

Focus on mathematics, astrophysics, and planetary science

PROJECTS

Markov Twain • Site // GitHub

HTML/CSS, Vanilla JavaScript, Node, Express, MongoDB

Markov Twain is a Twitter bot that tweets every three hours, using Markov chains to generate distinctive quotes based on the literary works of five famous authors. Accompanying the bot is a simple front-end application where users can generate quotes randomly or from a selected author. Built over four days in a team of five.

Treks n' Trails • Site // GitHub

HTML/CSS, Vanilla JavaScript, Node, Express, PostgreSQL, REST APIs

Treks n' Tents is an all-in-one hiking and camping trip planner, with weather information, driving directions, user auth and profiles, ability to search/sort/filter results, and option to save favorite trails. Built over four days in a team of six.

Mushroom Foraging Quest • Site // GitHub

HTML/CSS, Vanilla JavaScript

Mushroom Foraging Quest is a cute and simple educational game that tests the user's visual mushroom identification skills and presents further reading at its conclusion.

RECENT

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Patent Prosecution Assistant

KLARQUIST SPARKMAN, LLP
OCTOBER 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2019

- Completed six-month training program in one month
- Became a resource for Attorneys, Agents, and other Assistants for some uncommon patent prosecution filing procedures
- Acted as a liaison for the litigation department of the firm while assisting with Japanese translation projects requiring prosecution knowledge

Patent Paralegal

ALLEMAN HALL CREASMAN & TUTTLE LLP
NOVEMBER 2015 - OCTOBER 2018

- Assisted with translation and proofreading projects as a flexible member of the Japanese translation team
- Began independently managing one of the firm's biggest clients within six months of beginning employment at the firm
- Took on a leadership role by training new Legal Assistants