

Matthew Kissel

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EDUCATION

Rochester Institute of Technology

BS in Game Design and Development

Minor: Japanese Language

GPA: 3.53/4.0

2012 (Marburg, Germany) - Intensive German culture and language learning study abroad

Rochester, NY

9/2008 - 2/2013

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Language Teacher

8/2015 - Present

Japanese Exchange & Teaching Programme

Soma, Fukushima, Japan

- Created grammar, conversational, and group activities with a focus on class participation
- Creating quizzes and tests for levels ranging from beginner to advanced
- Advocated for a more student-centric curriculum
- Managed an English Club for all levels to foster a love of English and further learning

IT Solutions Engineer

5/2013 - 06/2015

Dubois and King Inc.

Randolph, VT, USA

- Worked with engineering, marketing, and accounting to develop IT solutions.
- Provided hands-on support for technical issues and educated users on technologies
- Planned and deployed backup and disaster recovery solutions for company data
- Secured company website and updated for usability (HTML/CSS & PHP/MYSQL)
- Created cost estimation reports and specifications for Civil Engineering
- Introduced a virtual server environment (Xen) to improve hardware consolidation, data loss prevention, and ease of new server deployment

Game Developer/Programmer

6/2011 - 8/2011

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY, USA

- Inspected code for errors and resolved issues using C# & XNA in Microsoft Visual Studio
- Programmed to meet platform and release specifications for Xbox Live Arcade

Audio/Visual Technician

9/2011 - 3/2012

Teaching & Learning Services at RIT

Rochester, NY, USA

- Maintained audio and video equipment on campus
- Interfaced with customers by phone, managing equipment reservations and instructed users through step-by-step problem resolution.

SKILLS

Computer Skills

- HTML/CSS and Javascript
- PHP and MySQL
- C# and XNA
- Bash

Language Skills

- Japanese (Intermediate) - JLPT2
- TEFL Certified

ACTIVITIES

Volunteer English Conversation Class (Soma, Fukushima, Japan)

12/2019 - Present

Volunteer English teacher to high school teachers at a local English class.

Area Support Leader (Soma, Fukushima, Japan)

3/2019 - Present

Mentor for assistant language teachers in the So-So area of Fukushima. Leader and presenter at orientation for incoming teachers advising about cultural norms and teaching techniques.

International Cultural Exchange Club (Rochester, NY, USA)

3/2011 - 3/2012

Founding member of International Cultural Exchange Club. Planned and hosted events for foreign exchange students to facilitate their transition into the RIT community and American culture.