

# Matthew Banks

## Web Developer

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### ⟨Projects⟩

## Eagle Elementary School

**Features:** Real Time Chat App, Blog connected to CMS, Survey connected to database, Based on real school curriculum

**About:** This is a template elementary school site I created which targets progressive school environments becoming more socially distanced. It has a real-time chat for parents and teachers with private messaging and push notifications. The events page is connected to a content management system for school faculty to easily use without the help of a programmer. The survey is connected to a mongodb atlas database that collects responses from parents. The curriculum section is based on real curriculum standards.

**Technologies used to build it:** React, Javascript, Mongodb, Contentful, Material ui, Styled components, Socket.io, GraphQL, Express, Node, Gatsby

[Code](#) [Site](#)

## Matt's Retro Games

**Features:** PayPal, Search bar, Game product pages, Detail page for each product, Cart checkout with tax (USA)

**About:** I had a lot of fun with this project because these are many of my favorite retro games. This is like a tribute to games that I am nostalgic for but in the form of a retro game store. I used a real price guide to price each game so they should be very accurately priced in my store. This store template has all the hallmarks of an e-commerce website and it utilizes a sandbox PayPal that can be activated in the future to handle real transactions. I won't be parting with my collection though.

**Technologies used to build it:** React, Javascript, Bootstrap, Styled components, PayPal, React router

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## Professional Portfolio

**Features:** Welcome section with a current skills/technologies list, A projects section to view code and try the sites, Resume page with pdf download, Contact section with github and other useful info

**About:** This is my personal portfolio website. This is where all my latest projects live and it serves as a central hub for people to get in touch with me for web development work. It has a nav menu that will jump to different sections of the portfolio and there is also an html resume page that has a convenient resume pdf download link. This resume has many links that are useful for recruiters to quickly see my work and contact me.

**Technologies used to build it:** React, Javascript, Gatsby, Styled components, Material ui

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## ⟨Work Experience⟩

### Web Developer

Jan 2019 – Present

Self Taught

- Code every day
- Combine multiple standalone projects into one practical solution with applied features and a real world theme
- Build web applications for my professional portfolio and make templates for potential freelance work
- Use my research skills to learn and apply

### Teaching Assistant

Aug 2015 – Dec 2017

University of Connecticut  
Department of Molecular and Cell Biology  
Storrs, CT

- Teach three lab and discussion sections per week to undergraduate students; 20-25 students per class
- Help students through biology experiments, some involving enzyme activity and gel electrophoresis
- Taught Biology 1107 and Genetics 2410; giving/preparing lectures

### Technician

Feb 2014 – Feb 2015

Aerotek (3M Purification, Temporary)  
Meriden, CT

- Chemical formulations for production of high grade nylon water filters and QA
- Charge solution formulation and other solution preparation
- Responsibility for maintaining and monitoring a chemical room containing methanol, formic acid, sodium hydroxide, and other chemicals
- OSHA regulated environment

### Critical Components Manufacturing Associate 1

Aug 2010 – May 2011

Reitman Personnel (454 Life Sciences, Temporary)  
Branford, CT

- Preparing DNA Capture Beads for commercial distribution
- Processing experimental data with Excel for production records
- Running assays on products in process, such as enzyme activity assays
- Working as part of a team to meet strict customer deadlines and test results for research and development

## ⟨Education⟩

### University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology-Genetics and Genomics

December 2017

Research: Developmental Biology; cell lineage and transcriptional profiling of select tissues in mice

### Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT Bachelor of Science in Biomolecular Sciences-Biotechnology,

December 2013

Research: Genetics-RNA Editing in honey bees