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Aspiring Full-Stack Developer with previous experience spanning business, people management (5+ years), customer engagement, branding, and chemical industries. Frequently tapped for leadership roles with each employer based on strong performance and ability to develop and lead others in teams.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages: Java, JavaScript, SQL

Front End: React, Redux, Bootstrap, HTML5, CSS, Jest **Back End:** Spring Boot, PostgreSQL, JUnit, Node, Express

Development Tools: IntelliJ, Visual Studio Code, pgAdmin, Git, Git Hub

Methodologies: Agile, CI/CD, Microservices

SOFTWARE PROJECTS

Vendo-Matic 800 | Virtual Vending Machine Application | Java, OOP, File I/O

Virtual vending machine application with command-line interface allowing users to deposit money, choose a product, and return the correct change. Inventory is loaded via a text file and transactions are also logged to a text file.

- Contribution #1
- Contribution #2

TEnmo | Money Transfer Application | Java, Spring Boot, PostgreSQL, RESTful API, Spring Data JPA, Spring Security

Peer-to-peer money transfer application allowing users to send, request, and approve money transfers. Front-end is a command-line application communicating with a RESTful API server in the back-end.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trader • Fidelity , Chicago, Illinois

08/2018- present

- Maintained a 16% marginal growth in the market by utilizing market trends, stock growth and company behavior
- Gained skills in research, focus and self control in a trade.
- Increased technical analysis skills by reading charts in order to read the market trends efficiently for potential growth.

Driver • Uber, Chicago, Illinois

08/2018-2020

- Increased gross margins from 85% to 140% over the two years by actively listening to customers and providing excellent customer service.
- Mastered time management, customer relations, finance management, and user interface testing.
- Managing inventory and sales as an entrepreneur.
- Practicing communication skills with software development passengers and discussing methods to establish a firm foundation in the tech industry.

Produce Receiving Supervisor • Whole Foods, Chicago, Illinois

04/2015 - 10/2018

- Managed a newly established flagship store's produce department inventory
 Properly distributing, receiving, and unloading department inventory, while establishing an inventory system to significantly decrease inventory shrink by conducting nightly inventory counts.
- Merchandising and inventory management of the produce department increased sales immensely, which increased the department gain-sharing each quarter.
- Collaboratively practiced receiving and managing the inventory of one of the biggest produce departments in Chicago.
- Organized the merchandise on a larger scale using a database system.

Produce Team Lead • Mrs. Greens, Chicago, Illinois

11/2013 - 04/2015

- Managing produce inventory margins for a team of 30+ over 5 departments to assure customer needs were met and team
 Leads inventories were established daily.
- Delegated to teams to maintain proper team morale by actively listening while assuring tasks were accomplished which led to an increase in sales by 40% which reduced team member turnover.

Cashier • Whole Foods, Chicago, Illinois

12/2012 - 11/2013

Managing cash at register

Inventory and Pricing Manager • *Petco, Niles, Illinois*

08/2010 -11/2012

- Control shrink of store assets by vigilantly increasing sales and moving merchandise via methodology of FIFO via a JDA system.
- Created the team schedules for 4 departments to ensure payroll budgets were met for managers and associates
- Schedules were also established to assure inventory would be properly processed, distributed, and unloaded.
- Trained teams in proper pet management/care, inventory management, cash handling, and team utilization

Lab Assistant • Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

08/2008 - 05/2011

- Solvothermal synthesis via Autoclaves were utilized in order to produce Metal Organic Frameworks moieties (IR-MOF1 & 10) at elevated temperatures and pressures.
- Observed MOF moieties topology and crystal size via optical microscopy and 3D microscopy.

Research Student • Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois

08/2008 - 08/2008

- PCR, Electrophoresis and chromatography technologies were introduced to our research group, while replication of DNA.
- Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Organic Chemistry, and Psychology were areas of study over a span of 2 weeks.

Lab Assistant Intern • Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio

05/2008 - 07/2008

- IR, Chromatography, and NMR were Utilized to characterize carbohydrate moieties in order to assay the carbohydrates as inhibitors.
- K. Barry Sharpless philosophy of SN2 methodologies increased carbohydrate yields by 35%.

Lab Assistant • Wright College URC, Chicago, Illinois

08/2007 - 08/2008

- Utilization of ICP-AES, Calometrics, NMR were utilized during soil analysis to obtain macro/micro nutrients.
- Recognized at the Ecological Society of America's annual meeting for research into Prairie reconstruction

Java Development Program, Merit America

11/2022

A 30-week intensive program focused on Full Stack Web Application Development, including hands-on coursework in Java Development, Client-Server Programming (SQL + Spring), and Frontend Development (Classic Web + React).

Bachelors in Computer Science (Web engineer)
Western Governors University, Salt Lake, City, Utah
OrganizationAssociated Coursework:

01/2023

JavaScript Algorithm and Data Structure Certificate FreeCodeCamp	09/2021
https://freecodecamp.org/certification/mensahtribe/javascript-algorithms-and-data-structures	
Responsive Web Design	05/2020
FreeCodeCamp https://freecodecamp.org/certification/mensahtribe/responsive-web-design	
maps.//meecodecump.org/certification/mensummer/responsive web design	
Molecular Biology && Biochemistry	05/2011
Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois	
Associated Coursework:	
Associates in Science	05 /2008
Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, Illinois	

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