

# CHRISTIAAN SIMMONS

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## SUMMARY

User-focused Web Developer who enjoys taking on challenges and deadlines in high-stress situations. Adapted a successful career in live television production to provide “big picture” ideas for user experience websites and apps. Strong ability to collaborate on a team and work independently. A passion for media on the front line of developing and deepening the user experience.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** HTML5, Javascript, Java, SQL

**Skills:** CSS, jQuery, Bootstrap, APIs, JSON, AJAX, Firebase, MySQL, MongoDB, React.js, Node.js, Express.js, Heroku, Git, MVC, ORM, User Authentication, Algorithms, Data Structures.

## EDUCATION

**Full Stack Coding Certificate:** University of Minnesota Twin Cities, St. Paul, MN

A 24-week intensive program focused on gaining technical programming skills in HTML, CSS, Javascript, jQuery, node.js, SQL Databases, Mongo, Express, and React.

**Bachelor of the Arts: English/Music:** Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN

## PROJECTS

**FoundTable** | [github.com/pbrayer/FoundTable](https://github.com/pbrayer/FoundTable) | [foundtable.herokuapp.com](https://foundtable.herokuapp.com)

- FoundTable allows users to book seating in a restaurant in the same way they would book at a movie theater or on an airplane, with a one-of-a-kind bird's-eye view.
- Lead UX designer and front-end developer, using React to create an overall user-friendly experience.
- Utilized: HTML, CSS, JSX, React.

**Birthday Tracker** | [github.com/pbrayer/Project1](https://github.com/pbrayer/Project1) | [pbrayer.github.io/Project1](https://pbrayer.github.io/Project1)

- The Birthday Tracker app allows users to track as many birthdays as they wish, regardless of where users sign in, along with sending reminders as the big day approaches, and suggestions for gift ideas based on the interests of friends/loved ones.
- Lead contributor to overall front-end design, using HTML and CSS to interact with the javascript for functionality and to make a clean, useable website.
- Utilized: HTML, CSS, Javascript, AJAX, Firebase, APIs.

**TrashTaggers | [github.com/petr0n/TrashTaggers](https://github.com/petr0n/TrashTaggers) | [trashtaggers.herokuapp.com](https://trashtaggers.herokuapp.com)**

- TrashTaggers allows the user to create, search, or join a list of cleanup groups from whichever area they choose. The app uses Google authentication for sign-up and MySQL and JAWSdb to store information.
- Lead designer on front-end, creating look and functionality from scratch so that back-end collaborators could easily identify what was needed.
- Utilized: HTML, CSS, Javascript, AJAX, MySQL, JAWSdb, heroku, APIs, node.js, sequelize, mocha, chai, express, express-handlebars.

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**EXPERIENCE**

**Business Analyst  
Digital River**

2019 – Present  
Minnetonka, MN

Served as a liaison among product management and development to translate business needs into product requirements. Facilitated project planning meetings and supported delivery team. Critically evaluated and translated high-level information into details to distinguish user requests from true needs.

**Supervising Producer: KARE11 Sunrise Morning Newscast  
KARE11-TV**

2012 – 2017  
Golden Valley, MN

Demonstrated technical knowledge and experience in building dynamic newscasts in an agile environment. Used creative and effective problem-solving to meet production challenges. Resolved critical issues in live newscasts or on the web. Wrote for the web in AP style and produced original video elements for online users.

**Producer: Morning, Midday, Evening, & Weekend Newscasts  
KSTP-TV**

2008 – 2012  
St. Paul, MN

Progressively improved and iterated systems and capabilities of newscast rundowns to meet longer-term roadmap objectives. Enabled the marketing team to create compelling narratives to help viewers understand the station's unique offering. Understood and measured appropriate actions based on station analysis to gain insights about station performance & production.

**Producer: "Fox News in the Morning with Tamron Hall"  
WFLD-TV**

2003 – 2007  
Chicago, IL

Effectively coded, tested, debugged, documented, and maintained production rundowns. Helped plan and roadmap new features and functionality for live newscast and online users. Owned all components of the newscast and directed the work of other team members. Assisted in designing segments to improve the viewer or user experience.