Nick Escobar — IT Specialist, Web Developer

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EDUCATION

Occidental College —   *August 2018-May 2022*
Liberal arts college in Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts in *Computer Science*
Minors in *Studio Art* and *Media Arts and Culture*
Relevant Course Studies: *Full Stack Web Development, Mobile App Development, Game Design, Robotics, Data Science, Operating Systems, Data Structures, Animation, Screenwriting, Experimental Media*

EXPERIENCE

IT/Website Coordinator —   *June 2023-Present*
Project Create — Non-profit providing art education for youth in the city | Washington, DC
- Overseeing Project Create's digital infrastructure, including maintaining the Project Create website, IT administration over the organization's digital platforms and software/hardware troubleshooting.
- Optimized website performance to achieve 5-10x faster loading speeds, significantly enhancing user experience and site efficiency.
- Researched, implemented and managing a new digital asset management system to serve as a central and searchable repository for digital collateral, streamlining access and reducing asset retrieval time, making cross-departmental collaboration easier and more efficient.
- Spearheaded implementation of the NordPass password manager, including migration of 150+ credentials, platform administration and training staff to strengthen organizational security and encourage secure credential sharing.
- Integrated and launched a shop page using WooCommerce, allowing the organization to sell art and merchandise on their website for the first time, creating new avenues for fundraising and boosting community engagement.

Website Developer —   *August 2023-Present*
Nick Escobar — Freelance website development | Rockville, MD
- Designing and developing visually appealing, user-friendly websites for individuals and organizations, while managing and setting up clients' digital workspaces.
- Executing end-to-end domain management for clients, including DNS configuration, domain registration and transfers, Google Workspace integration and website deployment.
- Working closely with clients to plan, design and build the website to their needs, emphasizing clear communication with frequent updates, regular meetings and comprehensive plans outlining timelines, milestones and deliverables.

Creative Director —   *November 2020-Present*
N. Escobar Media — Small independent production studio | Rockville, MD
- Founded N. Escobar Media, a small independent production studio building innovative digital experiences using a wide variety of tools.
- Built and released 8 solo projects, including: Starfish – a physics game built with Godot, The BumbleBee – a heavily documented CircuitPython hardware project, and The Poets Are Coming – a hand-drawn voiceover animation.

Program Assistant Coordinator —   *June–August 2021 and 2022*
Capital Camps and Retreat Center — Overnight summer camp | Waynesboro, PA
- Managed and coordinated the Outdoor Adventure Program; supervised and trained 6-12 staff and oversaw the Ropes Course, Campout, Nature and Farming programs.
- Worked with staff and campers of all ages and abilities in a fast-paced, chaotic environment while maintaining effective communication and leadership.
- Successfully planned and ran all campouts (8-10 per year) and cookouts (1-2 per day) for all age groups.

SKILLS

- Full stack web development
- IT administration/support
- Technical documentation
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Project management

- Staff training
- UI/UX design
- Git
- Bash & Zsh
- Python

- HTML & CSS
- Javascript
- Node.js
- React
- Wordpress