

Nicholas Thomson

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FULL STACK SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Experienced in Ruby on Rails and JavaScript based programming, with a background as an Assistant Editor at Penguin Random House. Possess strong skills in editing, design, and project management that help tech companies build beautiful, responsive applications. A life spent learning has led me to many interesting places, including a cat circus in Moscow, where I was living one summer and studying Russian.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, React, Redux, SQL, PostgreSQL

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Orchid - [Site](#) | [Github](#) | [Demo](#)

A Spotify-like app designed for classical music

- Utilized JSON Web Tokens and localStorage to store encrypted user information client-side.
- Accessed the Spotify API using the rSpotify gem to allow users to play songs in-browser
- Built and seeded a database using the Open Opus API to provide users with an encyclopedic collection of data
- Employed Material UI to style components for a clean, modern look

Open Chessame - [Site](#) | [Github](#) | [Demo](#)

An app that helps users improve their chess openings

- Utilized JSON Web Tokens and localStorage to store encrypted user information client-side.
- Built a dynamic database including user info, openings, and games, which allows users to view nested data.
- Accessed the Youtube API to provide video instruction on opening moves.
- Employed Material UI to style components for a stunning in-browser experience.

Beanies, Baby! - [Github](#) | [Demo](#)

An e-commerce site, which allows users to shop for Beanie Babies

- Used RESTful routing on both the client and server sides to create an easy-to-use cart to hold purchases.
- Deployed a Sinatra back end with a SQL database to hold product information.
- Built a log-in system with validation on the Sinatra backend to confirm a user's identity.
- Used Semantic UI to style components for an eye-catching look.

EXPERIENCE

Datadog

Technical Content Writer

New York, NY | 08/2021 - present

- Pitch, research, write, and occasionally edit articles for Datadog's main blog (aka "The Monitor"), which covers Datadog in depth and provides valuable information to the broader tech community around observability, best practices, and industry trends.

Penguin Random House

Alfred A. Knopf

New York, NY | 08/2018 - 08/2021

Assistant Editor

- Edited books by both Knopf and Pantheon authors with a focus on style, content, and grammatical detail.
- Wrote compelling, engaging copy, which was used for in-house marketing, on Amazon, and the jacket.
- Collaborated with literary agents, designers, legal consultants, publicists, and production staff to ensure that deadlines were met and the author's vision was supported.

EDUCATION

Flatiron School

Full Stack Web Development, Ruby on Rails and JavaScript program

New York, NY
04/ 2021 - 08/2021

University of Chicago

B.A. in Philosophy

Chicago, IL
06/ 2011

