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Summary

Full-stack web developer with excellent communication skills and an ability to coordinate with team members for better project outcomes. Known as a quick and adaptive learner. Creates intuitive and effective solutions to problems by starting from user expectations.

Technical Skills

Languages: Javascript, Python, Node.js, HTML5, CSS3, SQL, MySQL, MongoDB

Libraries: React.js, Express, jQuery, Handlebars.js, Sequelize

Frameworks: Bootstrap, Materialize

Projects

Pocket Butler

Github: <https://github.com/nvanbaak/pocket-butler>

Deployed link: <https://pocketbutler.herokuapp.com>

- Pocket Butler is an event scheduling app with full CRUD functionality. Users can input events and receive reminders when those events come up.
- Contributed to the project by implementing frontend functionalities, most importantly user interaction and AJAX calls to the backend.
- This project used a Node.js-Express-Handlebars-MySQL stack. Notable npm packages included Express-Session and BCrypt for session functionality and FullCalendar for the calendar. A full list of technologies used is available on the project readme.

CityScoop

Github: <https://github.com/nvanbaak/CityScoop>

Deployed link: <https://nvanbaak.github.io/CityScoop>

- CityScoop is a sleek, mobile-responsive app for aggregating information on cities. Users enter the name of a city and receive information on metrics like air quality, crime rate, average salaries, and the quality of public education. CityScoop received the Best Presentation award and was voted the winner of the People's Choice Award at the University of Washington coding bootcamp.
- Contributed to project development as project manager by assigning tasks to team members and facilitating collaboration between team members. Coding responsibilities included implementing AJAX calls to the Teleport API and updating the search results.
- This project used the Materialize CSS framework and jQuery for page functionality. City information was pulled from the Teleport, OpenWeatherMap, and CovidTracking APIs.

The Archivist

Github: <https://github.com/nvanbaak/the-archivist>

- The Archivist is a social media-integrated statistics engine that allows users to record their performance statistics while playing multiplayer games online.

- The Archivist is written in Python; libraries used include discord.py for bot functionality and fuzzywuzzy for fuzzy search.

Experience

ABA Therapist 2019 – 2020
Including Kids Humble, TX

- Taught behavioral, social, and developmental skills to autistic individuals (ages 4-25) in a clinical setting by identifying learner motivations and using that to modify behavior
- Adapted rapidly to changes in client scheduling and programming to deliver high-quality therapy to unfamiliar clients
- Recorded electronic data on client behavior; used those data to monitor therapy success and make adjustments where needed

Registered Behavioral Technician 2018 – 2019
APPLE Consulting Bothell, Washington

- Performed ABA therapy in clients' home environments
- Built rapport and problem-solved with client stakeholders
- Coordinated with supervisor in and out of session to assess client motivation, implement programs, and manage challenging parent relations

Peer Mentor 2017 – 2018
Bellevue College Bellevue, Washington

- Conducted weekly meetings with autistic students to assist their development of executive function, self-advocacy, self-regulation, and social interaction
- Designed and implemented an overhaul of the file system to increase team effectiveness

Research Assistant 2017 – 2018
Seattle Pacific University Seattle, Washington

- Contributed to a study on anti-ageism interventions by converting survey data to digital format and running statistical analysis using SPSS

Crisis Line Phone Worker 2016 – 2019
Crisis Connections Seattle, Washington

- Took phone calls from clients with problems ranging from emotional distress to acute suicidality; used active listening to establish rapport with clients, relieve distress, and explore the problem; problem-solved with clients

Education

Bootcamp Certificate: University of Washington Coding Bootcamp, Seattle WA

- A 12-week intensive program focused on gaining technical programming skills in HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, JQuery, Bootstrap, Node Js, MySQL, MongoDB, Express, Handelbars.js & ReactJS.

Degree: BA Psychology, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA