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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. Employs psychology background to meet user expectations and develop out-of-the-box solutions to challenging problems.

Technical Skills

Languages: Javascript, 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.
- I was in charge of implementing frontend functionalities, most importantly user interaction and AJAX calls to the backend. As Git master, I was also responsible for resolving merge conflicts.
- 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.
- As project manager, I was responsible for assigning tasks to team members and facilitating collaboration between my team members. I used my experience as a speech and debate coach to help my team members practice their presentation segments. My 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 bot for the Discord social media app that tracks game statistics. The bot takes text commands and performs statistical analysis on data from past games. Using a Discord bot for this functionality allows users playing games through Discord to access its features without navigating away from their game.
- This is currently a solo project, so I'm currently responsible for everything that has been implemented.
- 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

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