

SARA BLINN

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Education and Certifications:

- The Software Guild | Full-Stack Software Development, Oct. 2022
- Gustavus Adolphus College | B.A. Spanish and B.A. Fine Arts, May 2018

Technical Skills:

- Java
- Python
- JavaScript / jQuery
- HTML / CSS / Bootstrap
- Spring (Dependency Injection)
- REST API
- AJAX
- ThymeLeaf / Spring Boot
- SQL (DML and DDL)
- Spring JDBC and JPA
- Git (Version Control)
- Data / Class Modeling
- Testing and Debugging
- Agile Development
- Test-Driven Development
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign

Technical Projects: (see portfolio link for more)

Hero Sightings Web Application

- Modeled and built full-stack Java web application with server-side rendered UI, based on user requirements.
 - Entity Relationship Diagrams and wireframes created for planning and modeling phases.
- Architected MySQL database in 2nd Normal Form and scripted queries utilized by JDBC Template in data access object implementations.
- Tested server-side code using 100+ written JUnit tests for DAO methods.
- Utilized Spring Boot and ThymeLeaf template engine to integrate the data model and the view layer, which consisted of HTML template pages designed using both Bootstrap 5 and custom CSS.
- Implemented Google Maps JavaScript API to display a dynamic map of recent sighting locations from user input coordinates.

Weather Web Application

- Single-page web application which obtains and displays weather data from the OpenWeather API implementation.

Guessing Game Web Service

- Java RESTful API which uses exception handlers and response entities to return error messages and status codes to user guesses.

Experience:

J.Crew, Edina, MN

Sales Associate | Dec. 2018 - present

Assistant Manager (temp) | Sept. 2020 - Aug. 2021

- Fulfill multiple roles and responsibilities as a flexible, well-informed and productive team member, able to learn new technology and processes and multitask in sales, merchandising, training and administrative duties.
- Analyze and record sales data and customer feedback (using Qlik, Dayforce and Microsoft POS) to report to the corporate team.
- Fostered and maintained strong customer relationships—which has led to many becoming regular shoppers, quoting excellent customer experience.
- Demonstrated understanding leadership: Learned and balanced the strengths and preferences of each team member, maximizing team productivity and ensuring a positive work experience
- Support and coach team members on systems and processes, including enterprise applications and tools.
- Encourage team communication and provide positive feedback and incentives for achieving goals and completing tasks.

Freelance Graphic Design & Photography | 2016 - 2019

- Consulted with clients to communicate details for events and services.
- Completed projects in a timely manner, with time for any potential adjustments following client feedback.

Caregiver for Family Member | Aug. 2018 - July 2020

- Provided part-time—and eventually, full-time—care for terminally ill loved one, post college graduation. Balanced caregiving with part-time employment.