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WORK HISTORY

Web Developer, Owner

Denali Adventure Tours (Summers 2010 - 2015)

- Designed, built, and maintained tour reservation system with PHP and MySQL (over 5,000 tours booked), including sales report generation and dashboard, as well as user-facing tour information site
- Recently wrote the foundation to move to a Rails back end, a responsive Backbone.js front end, and a more optimized database with robust ActiveRecord associations
- Automated online reservations to decrease daily workload and increase off-season sales

Teaching Assistant in Linguistics and ESL

University of California, Santa Barbara (2013 - 2014), University of Montana (2011 - 2013)

- Researched, designed, and implemented curricula for four ESL courses and collaboratively developed curricula focused on practical application of lecture content for three linguistics courses
- Received excellent end-of-course evaluations from all classes

PROJECTS

Stargate: Planetary Defense (*JavaScript, HTML5/CSS3*) | [live](#) | [github](#)

Reimagined classic arcade-style game created with HTML5 Canvas

- Implemented [custom key handler](#) to allow for multiple simultaneous key events
- Included several difficulty levels and game lengths for variability of game play

PuddleJumper (*Rails, Backbone*) | [live](#) | [github](#)

Stargate travel search engine, inspired by kayak.com

- Wrote sophisticated [search service](#) for single-hop graph traversal
- Optimized bandwidth by processing permutations and reassembling the graph on the client side
- Utilized local storage to save prior search parameters and primary traveler info for future searches

EDUCATION

Web Development Program - *App Academy, Spring 2015*

- Immersive course with focus on full-stack web development, pair-programming, agile methodologies
- Strong emphasis on code quality, best practices, standard algorithms, version control, design patterns
- Acceptance rate <5%

Coursework towards a PhD Linguistics - *University of California, Santa Barbara (left in good standing)*

- Investigated issues of linguistic complexity from corpus and computational linguistic viewpoints using Python and R to analyze data and visualize results ([working paper on Academia.edu](#))
- Co-founding member of [Wugbot](#), an extracurricular student group devoted to exploring computational approaches to solving linguistic problems

MA Linguistics - *University of Montana, 2013 (GPA 4.0)*

- Thesis: [The Blackfoot demonstrative system: function, form, and meaning](#)

BA Classics - *Grand Valley State University, 2010 (GPA 3.975)*

- Recipient of the Department Award, given to one student each year for academic excellence

SKILLS

Core skills: Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, SQL, HTML, CSS/SASS, jQuery, Backbone.js, git

Past experience with: Python, R, PHP, TDD/BDD, RSpec

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