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I am a developer and tester specializing in web and app front-ends and back-ends with three years of experience. I collaborate with teams, supervisors and peers, and provide extensive and detailed feedback in software prototype tests.

Education

Bachelor's of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology. University of Arizona, 2010.

Portfolio

Celestial Compare React-based planetary body comparison app. Makes extensive use of React hooks.

[Live site](#) | [Source code](#)

WeatherNg Angular-based weather app. Makes use of NgRx, RxJS, and calls to multiple API endpoints.

[Live site](#) | [Source code](#)

Comet 2P/Borisov Narrated tale about comet 2P/Borisov.

[Live site](#) | [Source code](#)

Valentine's Day card Animated Valentine's Day greeting card app with customizable message.

[Live site](#) | [Source code](#)

Experience

Contractor Amazon. Dublin, OH. Jan 2014-present.

- Provide user experience feedback for websites and apps.
- Participate in A/B tests with wireframe mockups.
- Categorize datasets to train AI and Machine Learning models for corporate and academic institutions.
- Transcribe audio and video conversations, interpreting and tagging them appropriately.

Tester UserTesting. Dublin, OH. Nov 2016-present.

- Perform usability testing for client apps and websites.
- Identify bugs or malfunctions in app and website designs, and provide suggestions for improvements or novel features that could be added.
- Answer questions from designers in one-on-one discussions.
- Collaborate with designers using screen sharing tools such as Zoom.

Skills

Collaborative Working with teams on projects. Collaborating with supervisors and peers. Answering questions in a thorough and detailed way. Pacing discussions well in a way that avoids being too detailed but also having enough detail to be understandable.

Communication Speaking clearly and discussing project goals in a succinct way. Distilling complex topics into easily digestible information. Taking feedback seriously and implementing changes suggested by supervisors and/or clients.

Frameworks / libraries React, Angular, Bootstrap, ThreeJS

Scripting languages JavaScript, TypeScript

Markup languages HTML, HTML5, CSS, CSS3, Sass, SCSS, JSON, XML, Markdown, LaTeX

Performance, SEO Lighthouse

Version control Git, Github, Bitbucket

Programming languages Java

Macro languages VBA

Databases SQL, MySQL, Firebase

Security Preventing cross-site scripting (XSS) and SQL injection attacks

Basic knowledge NodeJS, NextJS, Webpack, MongoDB, Vercel hosting, Jest

Codewars Completed [44 katas](#) in Java and JavaScript.

Classes and Conferences

Microsoft Security Virtual Training Day: Secure and Protect Your Organization Oct 2021. Learned about how to secure and protect Microsoft 365 enterprise and hybrid environments, proactively manage security threats, manage data governance, and control device use.

NextJS Conf 2021 Oct 2021. Learned about NextJS 12 and edge functions. Watched speakers from various companies such as Invision talk about how NextJS helped both their developer and user experience.

Node.JS: The Big Picture Sep 2021. Learned about NodeJS.

React - The Complete Guide Sep 2021. Learned about ReactJS, hooks, authentication, Redux, REST APIs, MongoDB, and NextJS.

Agile for One May 2021. Learned basic Agile and Scrum techniques for managing projects.

Git & Github - The Practical Guide Dec 2020. Learned the basics of both Git and Github.

Angular - The Complete Guide (2020 Edition) Oct 2020. Learned about Angular, RxJS, NgRx, routes, guards, REST API endpoints.

Complete AJAX Using Bootstrap, PHP from Basic to Advanced Apr 2018. Learned about how to create a basic website or web app with AJAX, the Bootstrap framework, and PHP.

The Complete HTML & CSS Course, From Novice to Professional Apr 2017. Learned about HTML and CSS for writing web front-ends.

Complete jQuery and jQuery UI Course for Beginner Dec 2016. Learned about jQuery.