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Skills

LANGUAGES AND TOOLS

JavaScript	React
HTML	Node.js
CSS / SASS	Python
Java	Ruby
SQL	PHP
Git	Jira

DESIGN TOOLS

Adobe Creative Cloud
Sketch
Figma
Invision

Awards

People's Choice in Human-Computer Interaction
Queen's Creative Computing Showcase (Apr. 2018)

Voltime. Android app that helps prevent hearing damage by optimizing volume and listening time

Finalist, Top 4 Hack the 6ix (Aug. 2017)

MyndJournal. Web app that displays mental health analytics, utilizing IBM Watson's NLU API

Achievements

Silver Medalist
Canada East Short Track Speed Skating Championships

Guinness World Record
Largest Rubik's Cube Mosaic, CubeWorks Studios

Gameshow Winner
Splatalot, MarbleMedia

Experience

Product Manager

Pedal Patrol

- Led a cross-functional team, designing and developing an iOS / Android app for the local cycling community
- The app, Pedal Patrol, reunites cyclists with their stolen bikes through crowdsourcing
- Managed the team through the product lifecycle from ideation to delivery
- Worked actively with the client, Frontenac Cycle, through the process to align the product with their vision

Sept. 2018 – Apr. 2019

Kingston, ON

Content Strategist

QHacks 2019 (Hackathon at Queen's University)

- Developed and implemented marketing strategies to attract speakers, sponsors, and participants
- Led the voice and tone of the brand, writing copy for our website, dashboard, handbooks and ads
- Wrote feature articles and promoted the event on social media platforms
- Created a podcast profiling Queen's graduates in the tech industry

Apr. 2018 – Mar. 2019

Kingston, ON

Developer & Computer Science Research Associate

Orange Gate Consulting

- Researched and developed applications for robots in the service industry with a focus on voice interaction
- Created and demonstrated prototypes for community events and C-suite client executives
- Designed wireframes, user flows, and scripts based on leading practices in visual and conversational UX
- Wrote documentation for user manuals, research presentations, and technical step-by-step guides

May 2018 – Dec. 2018

Toronto, ON

Marketing Commissioner

Computing Students' Association

- Created promotional material for the School of Computing's events and news
- Designed, sourced, and sold faculty merchandise
- Planned special events including faculty socials, workshops and industry talks

May 2016 – Apr. 2017

Kingston, ON

Product Ambassador, Growth

Grabb Mobile (Foodora Partner)

- Promoted a food-ordering application expanding into Kingston, Ontario
- Increased adoption and customer engagement through campus events, student groups, and social media
- Met with restaurant owners to discuss online ordering solutions for their locations

Sept. 2016 – Apr. 2017

Kingston, ON

Personal Projects

Song Analysis

- A web app that integrates with Spotify to display additional info about the song you're currently playing
- Tools: React, Spotify API, SCSS

Oct. 2019 – May 2020

Expense Tracker

- A web app that allows users to add, update, and visualize their expenses
- Tools: React, Redux, Firebase, SCSS

Oct. 2019 – Jan. 2020

Alexa Skill & Google Action

- Published the "Canadian Facts" skill for the Amazon Echo and the "Toronto Trivia" action for the Google Home
- Tools: AWS Lambda and Dialogflow respectively

Dec. 2017 – Mar. 2018

Education

Bachelor of Computing, Honours, Software Design

Queen's University, School of Computing

Teaching Assistant, Artificial Intelligence (CISC 325), Winter 2019

2019

Certificate in Business

Queen's University, Smith School of Business

2020

Volunteering

Assistant Coach • Newmarket Jets Short Track Speed Skating Club

Sept. 2013 – Mar. 2020

Graphic Designer • Queen's Software Developer's Club

May 2018 – Apr. 2019

Honourary Chair • York Region Gutsy Walk

Nov. 2016 – June 2017

Marketing Assistant • Toronto Short Track World Cup

May. 2015 – Nov. 2015