

<b>Introduction</b>	I am a junior developer with a background in political science and higher education. I approach problems from a user-centric perspective; empathy is core to my professional identity - creating products that suit the needs and requirements of users is second-nature. I have a strong interest in TDD that enables me to build products with a stable code base that is flexible enough to allow for future change. I have excellent communication skills and work well with members of the engineering team, product managers, and clients, among others. I aspire to be part of an organization that promotes authenticity, curiosity, and collaborative learning.
<b>Skills</b>	<i>Languages:</i> Ruby, Javascript, HTML & CSS <i>Technologies:</i> Rails, Sinatra, Git, GitHub, jQuery, Rspec, Minitest, ActiveRecord, SQLite, PostgreSQL, Photoshop, Illustrator <i>Strategies:</i> Git-based Workflow, TDD, Pair Programming
<b>Projects</b>	<b>The Dirty Cookie</b> <a href="http://dirty-cookie.herokuapp.com">http://dirty-cookie.herokuapp.com</a>    <a href="https://github.com/teresafinn/the-dirty-cookie">https://github.com/teresafinn/the-dirty-cookie</a> Ruby on Rails group project showcasing an online commerce platform for a local cookie delivery service. The app facilitates online ordering and allows restaurant administrators to process and complete orders. Features: authentication, authorization, session-based shopping cart, and checkout. My main focus on this project was implementing the shopping cart, testing with Rspec, Capybara, and FactoryGirl, and implementing the front-end design and features with Bootstrap and JQuery. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:teresa.finn@gmail.com">teresa.finn@gmail.com</a> for credentials to access the admin dashboard and functionality.  <b>Idea Box App</b> <a href="http://teresa-idea-box.herokuapp.com/">http://teresa-idea-box.herokuapp.com/</a>    <a href="https://github.com/teresafinn/teresa-idea-box">https://github.com/teresafinn/teresa-idea-box</a> First Ruby on Rails app built from scratch that allows an authenticated user to input ideas into an online platform, upload images, and categorize ideas. The project helped me learn the MVC design pattern, CRUD actions, RESTful routing, HTTP protocols, forms and route helpers, database modeling and relationships, flash messages, authentication with the cancan gem, test-driven development, and robust testing of models and features with Rspec. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:teresa.finn@gmail.com">teresa.finn@gmail.com</a> for credentials to access the app.
<b>Education</b>	<b>Turing School of Software and Design    Denver, CO</b> Web Application Development with Ruby, Rails and JavaScript, Modules 1 & 2, 2015  <b>George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs    DC</b> BA, Asian Studies, Chinese Languages and Literature Minor, 2005
<b>Employment</b>	<b>Office Manager, University of Denver, Writing Program    Denver CO, 2014</b> Managed payroll and overall department budget, updated department website, planned events, maintained confidential personell records, ordered supplies and service requests, herded faculty, fielded student and faculty inquiries.  <b>Administrative Assistant, GMU, Office of the Provost    Fairfax VA, 2012</b> Provided a broad range of office-wide administrative assistance including scheduling meetings, human resources and financial operations support, arranging travel, tracking and routing mail, preparing documents for internal distribution, and managing special projects.  <b>Cake Decorator and Sales Associate, Whole Foods, Bakery    Arlington VA, 2012</b> Decorated cakes and other baked goodies and assisted with sales on the floor – see pictures on my blog!
<b>Factoids</b>	*Assist in coordinating Ruby for Good; designed Ruby for Good logo – <a href="http://www.rubyforgood.com">www.rubyforgood.com</a> *Chinese, intermediate listening/speaking, beginning reading/writing *Avid coffee roaster, baker of beautiful things, aspiring zymurgist, ardent horticulturist!