THOMAS OIDE

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EXPERIENCE

Axios

Data Visualization Journalist, *August 2021-Present*
- Working on Axios Visuals' engineering team, helping to build out internal infrastructure to help simplify newsroom workflows.
- Redesigned and rebuilt the newsroom's internal chart-making tool from scratch using SvelteKit.
- Planned, designed and engineered all data visuals for the 2022 midterm elections.
- Built and designed Svelte templates for frequently used chart types to help teammates complete those charts more efficiently.

The Star Tribune

Designer/Developer, *June 2019-August 2021*
- Use HTML, CSS, and client-side Javascript to design and build custom presentations for special projects.
- Built and designed all of 2020 election results pages and homepage widgets using Svelte.
- Built and designed the front-end of COVID-19 tracker as well as managing Django web scrapers to ensure data updated daily.
- Built and designed data visualizations for the UNSETTLED series, a 2022 Pulitzer Prize finalist for Invesigative Reporting.

The Right to Know Project

Developer, *August 2018-August 2019*
- Working on a two-person team to redesign The Houston Chronicle's rtk.net, a website tracking chemicals at factories nationwide.
- Primarily focusing on back-end development and the ETL process, transforming the dataset into a more understandable format.

The Columbia Missourian

Staff Writer and Graphic Designer, *August-May 2018*
- Developed a web application using Django to track lobbyists who testify at senate bill hearings in Missouri.
- Created several data visualizations to accompany reporters' stories using Adobe Illustrator.
- Analyzed school suspension data using R and built a searchable interactive tool using Django for a longform project.
- Wrote several stories about ballot proposals and campaign finance during the 2018 midterm elections.

The Maneater

Staff Writer and Photographer, *August 2015-May 2016*
- Wrote about social justice and higher education for the University of Missouri's student-run newspaper.
- Contributed to award-winning coverage of widespread campus unrest that made national news in November 2015.

The Davis Enterprise

Staff Writer, *October 2012-July 2015*
- Covered high school football, basketball and baseball, as well as lacrosse and soccer for award-winning daily newspaper.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri (2015-2019)
Degree: Bachelor of Journalism with emphasis in data journalism
Minors: Computer Science, Information Technology

SKILLS

- Technical: Svelte/SvelteKit, Javascript, Node.js, Python, Django, R, AWS, Git/Github, C/C++, Linux/bash, SQL, D3
- Design: Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Figma

AWARDS & HONORS

- Society of News Design Award of Excellence 2021 - Individual Portfolio
- SND Bronze Medal 2022 - Format: Use of Maps
- SND Award of Excellence 2022 - Format: Use of Data
- SND Award of Excellence 2021 - Format: Use of Data
- SND Bronze Medal 2021 - Line of Coverage: U.S. Presidential Election
- University of Missouri Dean's List: All semesters from 2015-2019
- 2018 AAJA Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship recipient