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Profile

Web developer with a background in science and chemistry. I love expanding my knowledge through experimentation and discovery. I enjoy teaching and learning from others through mentorship and believe that the sharing of knowledge is our most noble purpose.

Skills

Ruby on Rails, Object Oriented Design, HTML5 & CSS3, JavaScript (AJAX, jQuery), TDD (RSpec, Capybara, Jasmine), Git, Heroku, PostgreSQL, Agile Development.

Projects

VFYW Map

A cartographic representation of "The View From Your Window", a regular photo feature on Andrew Sullivan's The Dish. Each post is parsed, geotagged, and organized by date posted and time of day, then displayed on a map to be explored.

ScrallWall

Final project at Dev Bootcamp which I pitched, managed, and developed as part of a team. ScrallWall combines mapping, geolocation, user-generated content, and open city data and APIs to allow users to share and discover found art. This project used a variety of self-taught technologies outside of Dev Bootcamp's curriculum including Open311 APIs, PostGIS, and Mapbox.js.

Mileylpsum

Generating new Miley Cyrus lyrics from old ones using Markov chains on word-to-word relationships.

Experience

Web Development Student - February 2014 to April 2014

Dev Bootcamp, Chicago, IL

Completed 9-week intensive web development program. Gained hands-on experience in full-stack web development and a first-hand understanding of version control, TDD, iterative development, and user-centered design.

Most importantly, I gained a deep appreciation for the non-technical qualities of a great developer: empathy, integrity, humility, the ability of expose one's own ignorance, and mentorship.

Quality Manager - May 2012 to January 2014

Anresco Laboratories, San Francisco, CA

Directed and oversaw quality operations for over 20 staff analysts for food and environmental testing. Ensured compliance to quality standards and FDA regulations through document development, employee training, and internal audits.

Analytical Chemist - December 2008 to May 2012

Anresco Laboratories, San Francisco, CA

Developed and conducted analyses of food for nutritional information and chemical contamination.

English Teacher - August 2007 to July 2008

International Language Academy, Vietnam

Taught English through a fully immersive curriculum to children and adults.

General Manager - June 2006 to June 2007

LAVA Restaurant Group, Charlotte, NC

Managed operations and a staff of 20 for a high-volume, fast-casual 80-seat restaurant.

Education

Biochemistry, B.S. - 2006

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA