

# Steven Tegnalia

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**SKILLS** React, Node, Express, JavaScript, Ruby, Python, Flask, Redux, HTML5, CSS3, SQL, Postgres, Sequelize, Alchemy, AWS, S3, Git

## PROJECTS

**MoneyPit** (JavaScript, Python, Flask, Alchemy, React, Redux)

[Live App](#) | [Github](#)

*MoneyPit is a clone of the Kickstarter funding app. This clone uses Flask for the backend and React/Redux for the front end.*

- Designed and implemented a complex schema replicating Kickstarter projects, users, pledges, rewards, and categories using real info scraped from Kickstarter.
- Created reusable React components for clean, easy to read code that can be used in various parts of the project (or other projects) and is easy to recognize and understand, even for someone just sitting down to view the code for the first time.
- Formatted a persisting store using Redux in order to have all necessary information available on any given page.

**Posture Perfect** (JavaScript, Python, Flask, Alchemy, React, Redux, AWS, S3)

[Live App](#) | [Github](#)

*Posture Perfect is a video hosting site for anyone who wants feedback on their lifting technique at the gym. The site uses AWS to safely host and share videos.*

- Implemented pre-signed urls using Boto3 in order to safely host videos on, and access, a private AWS S3 bucket (folder). This allows for a positive user experience without compromising the AWS bucket to malicious users. (This was all learned solo, using the AWS docs.)
- Researched and implemented a secure, direct, browser-side file upload to AWS, avoiding the need to store any data in memory on the backend, thus saving significant stress on the site's server.
- Created comments which highlight at certain times during a video in order to provide the user with precise feedback.

**Covid With Strangers** ( JavaScript, PostgreSQL, Pug, Express)

[Live App](#) | [Github](#)

*CWS provides users a platform to plan, host, and join zoom meetings during Covid*

- Worked through a negative group situation which ultimately resulted in only myself and one other working on our project. The two of us put in long hours and managed to create a project which was competitive with the projects from groups with four members.
- Productively collaborated with pair programming to efficiently solve many problems which come up during one's first project.
- Designed and implemented a schema.

## EXPERIENCE

**Self Employed**

**America and all over Asia**

*Professional poker player*

January 2008 – Current

- Self taught, and always learning in order to keep up with the best in a constantly evolving, competitive environment.
- Cultivated sharp critical thinking skills and the ability to assess situations where a good outcome doesn't necessarily mean everything was done optimally -- or where a bad outcome could still happen when everything was done perfectly.
- Thinking outside the box in order to gain edges against the competition, often using seemingly unrelated skills (coding, networking, deal making) in order to compete at high levels.
- Found communities of like-minded individuals to share experiences with and learn.
- Developed communication skills to get along with people from different backgrounds and cultures, even while engaging them in the competitive atmosphere of high stakes games.
- Used self learned coding skills to create a GTO solver in order to find and learn the optimal solutions to complex problems before others had access to similar solvers.
- I am a moderator on the largest poker forum, where I am a trusted member in a community where trust is difficult to earn and integrity means everything

## EDUCATION

**University of Denver**

*Bachelor of International Studies*

**Denver, Colorado**

Class of 2008

**Activities:** President of Model UN, Bachelor's degree in International Studies, helping with various charities

### **Random Things:**

- While living in China, I learned to speak Mandarin
- I've made contacts with people from all over the world, learning how to find common ground and communicate with people from many backgrounds and countries.
- I have lived all over Asia, adapting to many different cultures and learning to easily integrate into different situations
- Currently learning more advanced Python, React and Redux with the aim of creating my own app
- I am physically active: I enjoy hiking and biking, lifting weights, yoga and jiu-jitsu.