Vada Karlen

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SUMMARY

Passionate creator with a drive for solving complex problems and learning new technologies across the whole stack. I have a flair for crafting clean, logical, and, most importantly, legible code. I work well both independently and on a team, wherever I can make the most impact.

SKILLS

Java Script	Express	Python
Redux	PostgreSQL	HTML/CSS
React	jQuery	Material-UI
AJAX	Node	Bootstrap

EXPERIENCE

Prime Digital Academy — Minneapolis, MN
Full Stack Engineering Student | December 2020 - Present
    Sniffer
- **Sniffer is a web app built to help the average pet owner** manage their dog's food allergies and find foods that fit their pup, bridging a major gap in the pet industry.
- A user can add their dog's sensitivities to a profile and then pull up a search that easily connects them with foods that fit their exact needs. Additionally, the app supplies a tool that allows the user to compare two foods and highlights any overlapping ingredients.
- Technologies used: *Javascript, React, Redux, PostgreSQL, Express, Node, Material UI*

American Distribution and Manufacturing Company — Cottage Grove, MN
Inside Sales Representative | November 2019 - January 2021
- **Swiftly and accurately entered lengthy orders by hand**. Managed time and prioritized certain states to meet daily deadlines to ensure that stores received their orders in a timely fashion.
- **Worked directly with customers to meet their needs.** Ensured they had accurate information for their orders and assisted in finding the perfect products for their customers. Recognized and prioritized urgent needs and offer solutions rapidly to ensure seamless service.
- **Displayed agility in working cross-departmentally to bridge gaps in resources**, both short and long term.
- **Navigated the shift from in office work to remote** and continued to work efficiently and effectively while collaborating with my team.

Chuck & Don's Pet Food & Supply — Mahtomedi, MN
Inventory Specialist | June 2018 - November 2019
- **Researched and analyzed sales for all 48 stores**. Adjusted inventory to fit current sales trends across several product departments.
- **Acted as the main corporate contact for 18 stores.** Researched and solved any issues that arose. Ran sales analysis as requested. Coordinated multi-store transfers.
- **Oversaw company-wide, weekly physical inventories**. Followed up with stores and other departments on excessive discrepancies. Summarized and published the results.
- **Engineered key projects for the rebranding of our company** while on loan to the Marketing Department, and utilized a style guide to redesign outdated coupons, signage, merchandise, and other branded items.
- **Trained to fill in across all other department tasks.**

Supervisor | May 2015 - June 2018
- **Navigated a fast paced store and grooming environment,** balancing excellent customer service and store functions on a daily basis.
- **Directly trained and supervised Team Members** and delegated tasks to be completed in a timely manner. Followed up to ensure tasks were done accurately.
- **Worked directly with customers to meet their needs**. Applied knowledge and research to specific pet needs. Perpetually sought further research to keep up with an evolving industry. Clarified complex concepts for customers and coworkers.

EDUCATION

Prime Digital Academy — Minneapolis, MN
Full Stack Software Engineering Certification | December 2020 - Present
Prime Digital Academy is a full time immersion program that teaches real world application of current coding languages such as JavaScript, React, Redux, and PostgreSQL.
Activities: Public speaking practice, DEI Courses, Career and Professional Development.

University of Manitoba — Winnipeg, MB
August 2013 - May 2014
Enrolled in the Computer Science program, learning JavaScript and HTML.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Midwest Animal Rescue — Brooklyn Park, MN
Foster Home | November 2011 - September 2020
- **Provided care, training, and love to incoming rescue dogs**. Patiently rehabbed extreme cases, sometimes for well over a year, until they were ready for placement in their forever homes.
- **Deliberated over applications** to ensure my foster dogs were matched with the right families for them and their new humans.
- **Participated in large fundraising events** through the years, representing our rescue to potential donors and adopters.