

# Valerie Russell

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## SUMMARY

Web developer with biology background and a certificate in full-stack web development from Michigan State University. Additional certificates in editing and digital marketing. Self-motivated and eager to learn new skills and technologies. Passionate about debugging and refactoring code to produce clean, exceptional deliverables. Uniquely qualified to troubleshoot and find holistic solutions given a diverse background in the science, journalism, and non-profit industries.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Git, GitHub, jQuery, jQuery UI, Bootstrap, AJAX, Responsive Design, JSON, Adobe Photoshop, Moment.js, APIs, refactoring, debugging, Node.js, object-oriented programming, Express.js, MySQL, object-relational mapping, Sequelize, MVC, Handlebars.js, RESTful APIs, writing, editing, search engine optimization

## PROJECTS

**Debugged & Deconstructed** | [Deployed Application](#) | [Repository](#) | MySQL, Express.js, Handlebars.js, JavaScript, Node.js

- Full-stack blog application/RESTful API that allows logged in users to create, read, update, and delete posts

**Space-E** | [Deployed Application](#) | [Repository](#) | MySQL, Express.js, Handlebars.js, JavaScript, Node.js

- Full-stack application/RESTful API that helps users learn about space-related topics and upcoming events

**DinGen** | [Deployed Application](#) | [Repository](#) | HTML5, CSS3, Tailwind, JavaScript, jQuery

- Dinner generator that leverages data from public, third-party APIs to help users find new recipes

## EXPERIENCE

**Crisis Text Line, Volunteer Crisis Counselor (New York, NY; Remote Position)**

**Jun 2020 – Present**

- Comforted and assisted over 175 texters with various crises such as depression, anxiety, abuse, and eating disorders
- Developed several soft skills including active listening, empathy, levelheadedness, and cultural awareness

**Proofed, Editor and Proofreader (Dover, DE; Remote Position)**

**Jun 2020 – Jan 2021**

- Edited grant applications for the FinTech industry and developed an enthusiasm for technological innovations
- Honed editing skills through accepting feedback from the admin team gladly and through personal research

**Deseret Book, Writing/Editorial Intern (Salt Lake City, UT; Remote Position)**

**Sep 2020 – Oct 2020**

- Wrote 50 features/daily news stories, averaging over 6000 page views per article; 9 articles over 10,000 page views
- One article recently selected for print publication in the Spring 2021 Conference Packet

## EDUCATION

**Full-Stack Web Development Certificate, Michigan State University, (Remote)**

**Jan 2021 – Present**

**The Fundamentals of Digital Marketing Certificate, Google Digital Garage (Remote)**

**Nov 2020**

**Editing and Proofreading Certificate, Proofreading Academy (Remote)**

**Apr 2020 – May 2020**

**Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)**

**Aug 2014 – May 2018**