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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, Bootstrap, Responsive Design, React, APIs, AJAX, JSON, Refactoring, Debugging, Node.js, Object-oriented programming, Express.js, MySQL, Sequelize, MongoDB, Mongoose, Object-relational mapping, MVC, Handlebars, RESTful APIs, PWAs, Unit Testing, Writing, Editing, Search Engine Optimization

EDUCATION

Full-Stack Web Development Certificate, Michigan State University, (Remote) | July 2021

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

Editing and Proofreading Certificate, Proofreading Academy (Remote)

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

PROJECTS

WallPro | Deployed Application: <http://www.wallpro.net/> | Repository: <https://github.com/mbussert/shaw-ppc>

- Business to business solution that expedites the process of ordering vinyl installation materials
- Application created in an agile team environment of six developers with MySQL, Express.js, React, and Node.js
- Responsible for back-end routing for calculator and account pages; wrote all unit tests with Jest and Enzyme

Debugged & Deconstructed | Deployed Application: <http://bit.ly/debuggedblog> | Repository: <http://bit.ly/debuggedrepo>

- Full-stack blog application/RESTful API that allows logged in users to create, read, update, and delete posts
- Sole contributor; application created with MySQL, Express.js, Handlebars.js, JavaScript, and Node.js

Space-E | Deployed Application: <https://space-e.herokuapp.com/> | Repository: <https://github.com/bborummoore/space-e>

- Full-stack application/RESTful API that helps users learn about space-related topics and upcoming events
- Application created in an agile team environment with MySQL, Express.js, Handlebars.js, JavaScript, Node.js
- Wrote JavaScript to fetch and display data from four of the APIs used; made CSS responsive; adjusted routes

EXPERIENCE

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

Jun 2020 – Jun 2021

- Supported over 225 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 piece; nine articles over 10,000 views
- One article recently selected for print publication in the Spring 2021 Conference Packet