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SUMMARY

Self-motivated web developer who has made over 1,000 contributions to GitHub, created over 40 projects, and earned over 10 relevant certifications in the past year. Passionate about learning modern technologies and frameworks that create unforgettable user experiences. Approaches programming challenges with the enthusiasm of a scientist, carefulness of an editor, and patience of a crisis counselor.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Front-End Web Technologies & Frameworks: HTML, CSS, SASS, React
Scripts/UI: JavaScript, jQuery, D3.js, JSON, AJAX, Bootstrap, Bulma
Back-End & Databases: Node.js, Express.js, MySQL, Sequelize
Version Control & Deployment: Git, GitHub, Netlify, Heroku
Testing/Other: Jest, Enzyme, Trello, Responsive Web Design, SEO, Chrome DevTools

EDUCATION

- **Web Development:** Full-Stack Web Development Certificate (Michigan State University), Front End Development Libraries Certification (freeCodeCamp), JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures Certification (freeCodeCamp), Responsive Web Design Certification (freeCodeCamp)

- **Google Ads/Analytics (via Google Digital Academy):** Google Analytics Individual Qualification, Mobile Experience Certification, Google Ads Apps Certification, Google Ads Video Certification, Google Shopping Ads Certification, Google Ads - Measurement Certification, Google Display Ads Certification, Google Ads Search Certification

- **Editing, Proofreading & Digital Marketing:** Editing and Proofreading Certificate (Proofreading Academy), The Fundamentals of Digital Marketing Certificate (Google Digital Garage)

- **Life Sciences:** Bachelor of Science in Human Biology (Michigan State University)

PROJECTS

WallPro | Deployed Site: http://www.wallpro.net/ | Repository: https://github.com/mbussert/shaw-ppc
- Made 56 commits, created 19 pull requests, and reviewed 10 pull requests in a team of 6 developers
- Created an entire testing suite of 56 unit tests for the React components utilizing Jest and Enzyme
- Collaborated with one other developer on the back-end routing (Node/Express) and database (MySQL/Sequelize)

Debugged & Deconstructed | Deployed Site: http://bit.ly/debuggedblog | Repository: https://bit.ly/debuggedrepo
- Sole contributor; independently designed and developed a full-stack blog application/RESTful API from start to finish
- Built features including user authentication, a personalized dashboard for each logged in user, and commenting

WORK HISTORY

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**
- Became highly skilled in independently researching industry standards for various English dialects and style guides to provide clients with the most accurate and relevant feedback possible
- Developed a meticulous and detail-oriented mindset while retaining a capacity to see the bigger picture