# **Zack Friendly**

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#### **FULL-STACK SOFTWARE ENGINEER**

A resourceful software engineer with a knack for ideating creative solutions to complex problems. Experienced in working across a wide range of disciplines, from app-building and software debugging to large-scale event production to discreet investigations. Compelled by a desire to understand the entirety of an issue and a willingness to dig into the minutiae.

## **DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY | Washington, DC

Software Engineering Immersive Fellow | Jan. 2020 - Apr. 2020

Full-time, 500+ hours of in-depth hands-on computer science training in both fundamental and trending full-stack software engineering technologies. Projects included:

- <u>CoTripper</u> **HTML**, **CSS**, **React**, **Django** Contributed to a full-stack client project along with 20+ other developers with our instructor serving as a project manager, working mostly on back-end models.
- <u>City Explorer</u> HTML, CSS, React, MongoDB, Express Built an immersive full-stack MERN
  application combining Michelin Guide and Museum datasets to create a travel guide for cities around the
  United States.
- <u>Pawsitivity</u>- HTML, CSS, React, MongoDB, Express Worked with a team of four developers to create a full-stack MERN application similar to Instagram, but for pets.
- <u>Wild West Hangman</u> **HTML, CSS, JavaScript** Created a front-end game of hangman, adding bonus features such as a custom cursor, sound effects and a random word generator API integration.
- Game of War HTML, JavaScript Crafted logic for and created a game of war in the browser console.

## **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

- Git, Github
- HTML, CSS
- Javascript
- React
- Gatsby

- Express
- Node
- SQL (PostgreSQL)
- MongoDB, Mongoose
- Python

- Django
- Salesforce
- Jira, Trello, Slack
- Adobe Photoshop, XD
- Google Analytics

#### **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**ALL THINGS GO |** Washington, DC

Co-Founder, Partner | Jan. 2006 - Present

All Things Go (ATG) is a production house and music website based in Washington, DC. The All Things Go Fall Classic is an annual music festival started by ATG that has seen a 300% growth from its first year to 12,000 ticket-buyers in 2019. Co-founded the music website in 2006, event production house in 2011, and festival in 2014.

- Established brand credibility and built rapport with industry-leading decision-makers by managing 30+
  contributors to cover emerging artists, playlist-curation and other music news, reaching 150,000+ monthly
  unique site visits.
- Spearheaded sponsor outreach and curated onsite activations, surpassing our internal goal of \$150,000 by 40% in 2019. Built partnership portfolio of 70+ renowned global brands, including Heineken, Pandora, Lyft and She Is the Music.
- Set and executed the festival's mission statement of gender equality and representation. Successfully launched
  a series of panels featuring 20+ prominent female voices in the music industry, working collaboratively with
  external stakeholders.

Produced and promoted over 100 events, from intimate 125-person shows to yearly showcases at SXSW.
 Commissioned a panel featuring Paul Krugman and The Arcade Fire at SXSW 2015 to discuss the modern music industry environment.

## MINTZ GROUP | Washington, DC

Business Development Associate | Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2019 | Supervisor | Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2017, Senior Investigator | Mar. 2013 - Jan. 2015 | Investigator | Jun. 2010 - Mar. 2013 Research Intern | Sep. 2008 - Jun. 2010

Mintz Group is a boutique due diligence and corporate investigative research firm.

- Partnered with research teams ranging from partners, senior staff, and junior investigators from conception
  and product development through the customer discovery process; maintained communication with past
  and potential clients to identify pain points, understand objections and integrate market feedback into a
  compelling and profitable value proposition.
- Diagnosed developmental needs and technical issues as part of a six-person innovation team that increased
  operational efficiencies and eliminated unnecessary technical blockers with an estimated savings of \$1.5
  million.
- Introduced and managed strategic hiring by reviewing data from past sources of outreach, overhauling the established hiring procedures by focusing on blind resumes and increasing office racial and gender diversity.
- Oversaw a team of 15+ partially-remote investigators in the firm's high-volume, low-cost due diligence practice, which generates \$4+ million in revenue per year.
- Conducted over 2,000 open-source background checks on C-level executives and directors across the globe, using public record repositories and cutting-edge social media investigative tools.

#### **EDUCATION**

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**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** | Washington, DC **Bachelor of Arts in History** | Graduated May 2011