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Web developer with a digital journalism background who can create sophisticated websites from the dream stage to deployment. Adept at quickly learning new technologies, with exceptional writing and editing skills.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Experienced in JavaScript, jQuery, Node, Express, Sequelize, MySQL, Firebase, Git, GitHub, APIs, JSON, AJAX, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Materialize, Final Cut, Photoshop and Wordpress. Well-versed in journalistic writing and editing and the Associated Press and New York Times style guides.

EDUCATION

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N.J.   February 2017 - Present
Rutgers Coding Bootcamp - Full Stack Web Development
An intensive 24-week program dedicated to designing and building web applications. Acquired skills included JavaScript, jQuery, Firebase, Git, GitHub, APIs, JSON, AJAX, HTML, CSS and Bootstrap.

University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.   May 2006
M.A. Journalism. G.P.A. 4.0.
- Kappa Tau Alpha honor society.
- Edited and reported at The Missourian, a local newspaper staffed by students and led by faculty.

Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore.   May 2002
B.A. English with honors. G.P.A. 4.0.
- Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

APPLICATIONS BUILT

Wildfire   2017
Front End Developer
- A web app that plots top Twitter trending topics for over 60 U.S. cities on Google Maps.
- I worked on a team and was responsible for accessing the Twitter API via AJAX, and writing JavaScript to traverse and restructure JSON data and display it on the page.
- https://github.com/andrewzahler/API-Project
- https://andrewzahler.github.io/API-Project/

GIF Generator   2017

Sole Developer
- A web app that allows users to call up and search for animated GIFs from Cartoon Network.
- Developed using the Giphy API, JavaScript and jQuery for embedding GIFs.
- https://github.com/andrewzahler/gif-machine
- https://andrewzahler.github.io/gif-machine/

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The New York Times, New York, N.Y.   October 2011 - March 2017

Senior Staff Editor; Web Producer
- Edited content of mobile apps and desktop home page to exceptional standards on tight deadlines. Responsible for app and home page layout and light editing of headlines and summaries.
- Copy-edited articles and web projects for grammar, content and style on foreign/national desk.

Bloomberg Government, Washington, D.C.   January - September 2011

Web Producer
- Produced and packaged online articles and special sections during the rollout of this site covering the intersection of business and government.
- Quickly mastered custom CMS based on the Bloomberg Terminal.

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.   May 2006 to December 2010

Web Producer; Copy Editor
- Created videos, maps and other digital content for the website of this newspaper serving 100,000 readers. Assisted with breaking news coverage. Helped run official Twitter and Facebook accounts.
- Copy-edited articles and designed newspaper pages. Compiled and edited wire service stories.

Tutor Language School, Prague, Czech Republic   September 2003 to June 2004

English Teacher
- Prepared and taught business and test preparation English lessons for working professionals and post-secondary students.
- Earned certificate in the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language.