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Full Stack Web Developer

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Leveraging more than 10 years of professional experience to transition into a web developer role.
Full stack software engineer and test-driven developer.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: HTML5, CSS3 (SASS/SCSS), JavaScript (ES6/JSX), PHP, Ruby
Frameworks: React (Redux/Router/Thunk), React Native, Express, Mongoose, Ruby on Rails
Databases: MongoDB, PostgresQL, MySQL
Tools: NPM, Mocha, Chai, Git, GitHub
Platforms: Node.js, Heroku, Cloudflare
Certifications: CompTIA A+, HIPAA

EXPERIENCE

Recent Projects

War of the Games: Created a video game recommendation engine using the MERN stack and the IGDB API.
Dog Fetcher: React Native app that lets you look at random images of cute dogs and save the ones you like to your device.
My Board Game Shelf: Full stack JavaScript app built with reusable React components, Node.js, Express, and MongoDB. Implemented continuous deployment using an automated testing suite (Travis CI) with over 90% code coverage.
Girls' Game Shelf: Responsive, mobile-first WordPress site created for a YouTube series. Streaming video on the homepage, CSS Grid and Flexbox for layout, embedded SVGs, CSS gradients and animations.

Goldman Marketing Group — Burbank, CA
Senior Technology Administrator — 2016 – 2018
- Oversaw a team of developers tasked with maintaining 35+ client sites.
- Improved client site uptime to over 99% by routing traffic through proxy servers.
- Seamlessly embedded third-party ads on client site through custom CSS file.
- Implemented version control on all client WordPress themes.
- Programmed company wiki that could be edited by any employee.

Olmstead Williams Communications — Westwood, CA
Office Manager — 2010 – 2016
- Reimagined the company website by coding a custom WordPress theme that featured a rotating slideshow, social media widget, and a category-based blog.
- Saved the company over $800 annually in service fees by converting shared server to a cloud-based solution.

The Walt Disney Company — Glendale, CA
Corporate Responsibility — Digital Media Coordinator — 2007 – 2010
- Designed the 2008 summer and winter X-Games Environmentality sites.
- Optimized the department's website infrastructure on the Company's proprietary content management system.

EDUCATION

Thinkful — **Engineering Immersion**
- Learned industry best practices and practical software development standards with a focus on HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery, Node.js, React, Redux, and algorithms & data structures.
- Created and deployed mobile-first applications while learning new languages and frameworks by collaborating several hours every week with a senior web developer.

American Academy of Dramatic Arts — **Associate of Arts**