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Professional Summary

Self-driven front-end developer with 2+ years of coding experience, drawn to development through a passion for solving logic puzzles and complex problems. Mastered programming fundamentals through Codecademy courses and self-directed projects, while leveraging 6 years of 2D animation expertise to create compelling web experiences. Combines technical proficiency and visual design sensibilities to craft intuitive, responsive interfaces, with proven ability to manage complex state and optimize codebases through ambitious projects like digital board game recreations.

Technical Skills

Languages: Javascript, TypeScript, Python, HTML, CSS

Frameworks: Next.js, Vite, Tailwind

Libraries: React, Jotai

Backend & Databases: MongoDB, Node, Mongoose

Version Control: Git, GitHub

Additional Technologies: Vue.js, REST API, Illustrator, Figma

Projects

Modern Landing Page

<https://positivus-site-phi.vercel.app/>

- Developed a responsive marketing company landing page using Next.js and React, precisely translating Figma designs into production code while ensuring cross-device compatibility
- Implemented modern web development best practices including version control with Git, responsive design with Tailwind CSS, and optimized deployment through Vercel for maximum performance and SEO

Property Rental Application

<https://rental-property-pi.vercel.app/>

- Developed a full-stack rental property platform using Next.js, React, Tailwind CSS, MongoDB, and Mongoose, enabling users to list properties for rent, search and bookmark listings, and send messages to property owners.
- Integrated Google OAuth and social sharing features, allowing users to sign up with their Google account and share listings seamlessly via Facebook, Twitter, Email, and WhatsApp.

Experience

2D Animator, Rejuvica Health – Santa Margarita, CA

2018 – Present

- Develop engaging animated explainer videos to increase customer retention on landing pages
- Collaborate with copywriters using Google Docs for script proofreading and editing
- Design, animate, and compile video/sound assets using Adobe programs
- Exercise creative control over video style, design, and storyboarding

Cocktail Waitress, Danny K's – Anaheim, CA

2017 - 2018

- Efficiently managed multiple tables in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a positive attitude
- Demonstrated strong memory skills by memorizing full alcohol and food menus
- Handled customer credit cards and organized tabs, ensuring smooth transactions

Waitress & Shift Leader, Curry House – Santa Ana, CA

2013 - 2017

- Led and coached employees to improve hospitality, organization, and efficiency
- Addressed and resolved customer complaints to ensure excellent dining experiences
- Compiled daily reports including data entries, incident reports, and improvement suggestions

Education

Cal Poly Pomona – BS in Animal Science - Pre-Vet

Codecademy – Front-End Engineer Career Path