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Technical Skills

Strong: JavaScript, React, HTML5/CSS3, Wordpress, TailwindCSS

Experienced: Node.js, Express, Next.js, Laravel, PHP, MySQL, SQLite, Git, Jest, Webpack, Babel, Git, Bootstrap, MaterialUI, SASS, Figma, JQuery, Web Scraping with Python and Node.js, Restful API's, shell scripting(zsh, bash), Linux, MVC

Working Knowledge: Typescript, Redux, NoSQL, PostgresQL, MongoDB, GraphQL, Agile, AWS, Docker

Experience

[NGMedia](#) | *Web Developer*

2020-2024

- Created websites tailored for small to medium-sized businesses across various industries(law, real estate, design).
- Worked with clients to refine designs, implement new features, and provide training for working with their sites.
- Conducted routine maintenance and implemented updates on client websites for reliability and security.
- Implemented SEO best practices to optimize website visibility and ranking on search engines.
- Used web performance optimization techniques to ensure fast loading times and improve user experience.
- Automated processes using Node.js, Python, and Bash scripting to save time and reduce manual tasks.

[Taizhou Polytechnic College](#) 泰州职业技术学院 | *ESL Teacher*

2019-2022

- Taught English as a Second Language at a large technical college in Taizhou City, Jiangsu Province, China.
- Led classes consisting of 30-80 students, focusing on practical and conversational English skills.
- Developed curriculum and tailored lessons for the English abilities and the individual needs of each class.
- Used Chinese language skills to lead classes, interact with students, work with non-English speaking coworkers, and perform administrative tasks.

Projects

[Biblioteca Reader](#) | *Language Learning App*

- Developed front-end using React and TailwindCSS for reusable component structure and responsiveness.
- Used Laravel to build back-end API, interact with SQLite database, and provide user authentication.
- Designed UI based on figma templates to ensure consistency and a good user experience.
- Used Argostranslate python library for ebook translation.
- Used Jest, Cypress, and Pest for testing to improve reliability and maintainability of the app.
- Deployed app using Digital Ocean droplet, git, and ssh at <https://biblioteca-reader.com>.

[Tracy Morris Design](#) | *Wordpress site built for McLean, VA based interior design firm*

- Developed site using Wordpress and the Avada theme, ensuring brand consistency and mobile responsiveness.
- Utilized Advanced Custom Fields (ACF) to create dynamic content, allowing non-technical clients to update the site.
- Optimized site project pages, blog posts, and press releases for SEO and page speed.
- Use JavaScript and CSS to extend the wordpress theme style and add user interaction functionality.

[Elevate Advisory Services](#) | *Wordpress site built for Texas-based consulting firm*

- Created a single page site based on design docs for a startup consulting and advisory firm.
- Developed site using the Avada Wordpress theme, achieving a visually engaging and user-friendly interface.
- Implemented security measures using AIOWPSecurity plugin and regular site backups, ensuring data protection and minimizing downtime.

Education

Queens University of Charlotte, NC | *B.A. History with Interdisciplinary Science Minor*

Interests

Reading | Travel | Learning Spanish and Mandarin Chinese | Running | Soccer