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OBJECTIVE

An outgoing, positive computer science graduate with work experience using technology and multiple personal projects, looking to obtain a position where I can utilize my experience and expand my technical knowledge to contribute to technical operations.

EDUCATION

University of Houston-Victoria, Victoria, TX

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, December 2020

- Cumulative GPA: 3.88
- Magna Cum Laude Honors

Victoria College, Victoria, TX

Associate of Science, General Studies, May 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

TISD True Internet Services, Victoria, TX

Tier 1 Technical Support | August 2018 - January 2019

- Helped customers troubleshoot problems with internet service and set up tickets for repair.
- Made repairs and upgrades to customer personal computers.
- Provided technical support for other employees.

Office Depot, Victoria, TX

Lead Sales Technology | January 2016 - May 2017

Lead Sales Furniture | June 2015 - January 2016

Customer Service/Logistics Specialist | June 2013 - June 2015

- Used interpersonal and communication skills to interact with customers
- Developed personal selling skills and product knowledge
- Trained other sales consultants
- Performed daily and weekly maintenance in my assigned area
- Took ownership of technology sales and services
- Repaired hardware and software on customer computers and smartphones

SKILLS

Tools: Microsoft Visual Studio/VS Code, Sublime text-editor, Github, Arduino IDE, Microsoft Office

Software Languages: Python, Java, C++, Javascript, HTML/CSS

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux, Android, Some MacOS & iOS

Cloud: Docker, Google Cloud Platform, Digital Ocean VPS

Libraries/Frameworks: Django, Bootstrap, jQuery

Databases: mySQL, Postgres, SQLite, Google Cloud SQL

PROJECTS

MyFoodBook, a food based social media website

- Software Engineering class final group project built with 3 other team members
- Used Python (Django) for back end
- Used HTML/CSS (Bootstrap) and Javascript (jQuery) for front end
- Provides a social media experience revolving around food.
- Users can like and make posts, add friends, send messages to one another along with other features

ToDoList, a simple to do list for personal use

- Personal web app hosted online using VPS from Digital Ocean
- Uses Django for backend and Bootstrap/jQuery for front end
- Provides simple interface to login and create list
- Provides functions for printing , clearing a list and completing items off list.

My Linux Server, a dedicated always on Linux machine that provides services on my home network

- Currently uses Ubuntu 18.04 as OS for the server
- Provides file server for backups, Databases for smart home sensors
- Serves as a DNS server at router level for my network.
- Includes personal VPN for logging into network when away
- Home Assistant, Node-RED, MQTT, and many more services installed
- Many services installed in Docker containers, few installed using virtual machines.

More projects are listed on my github and personal website located at https://benjam.me/