Jacob Ugalde

Creative Programmer | Los Angeles, CA

Work Experience

Freelance Web Designer (Los Angeles)

Fall 2020 - Present

- Built and designed websites for clients on Squarespace and WordPress
- Independently led; coded additional styles and features from scratch
- Maintained regular client communication to ensure accuracy and timely satisfaction

Software Developer, General Atomics (San Diego)

July 2018 - June 2019

- Developed embedded software for Databases, Data Visualization, and UI/UX Design
 - Designed database and screen visuals to capture material testing data from a remote lab using PostgreSQL, Pandas, Python, and Flask, allowing workers to clearly track and monitor equipment output
 - Developed website visuals to compare real-time machine learning predictions against real engine output via Plotly, Datatables, and jQuery to showcase quality and accuracy of robotics AI to clients
 - Engineered and designed UI/UX for intranet sites with React/SQL to query and modify project databases in a clear and uniform manner, such that employees and clients of varying permissions can efficiently traverse data
- Represented General Atomics at remote meetings and presentations
 - Worked with leadership team to define metrics and optimize workflow for upcoming projects
- Wrote project design, requirements, user manual, and progress documentation

Project Experience

OwO Bot, Creator

Ongoing, Created Spring 2020

Twitter bot created using JavaScript, JSON, Twitter API, Uptime Robot, and glitch.io

- Assembled a complete and autonomous bot using various microservices to post online
- Regularly monitored status and online feedback; updated code as necessary

Paint The Town, Game Designer/Programmer

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

Multiplayer VR game created in Unity/C# for Oculus Rift

- Worked with a team to design and implement a VR game with online matchmaking
- Programmed movement, UI/UX, and custom shaders (via Unity's shader engine)
- Implemented online matchmaking via Photon Unity Networking (PUN)

Bubbles: Agents of Change, Technician

Spring 2018

Digital art exhibit on temporary display at the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla, CA

- Worked with professors and peers on a temporary exhibit on the science of bubbles
- Constructed a network of Raspberry Pi's and Arduinos via Python to respond to input
- Administered message passing interface, switches, and WiFi connections to sync data

WayAround, Software Developer

Winter 2018

Mobile web app for pathfinding programmed in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript

- Iteratively researched, tested, developed storyboards into paper prototypes and a web app
- Utilized crowdsourcing and Google Maps to determine routes based on preferred detours
- Managed a team of 4 by delegating responsibilities and documenting weekly progress
- Showcased, marketed final result expo-style while responding to faculty and peer feedback

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Education

University of California, San Diego

Graduated June 2018

- BA in Interdisciplinary
 Computing and the Arts; Minor in Computer Science
- Provost Honors (2014-2018)
- GPA: 3.57
- Extracurriculars: Theater Actor, Performance Director for A Cappella

UCSD Global Seminars (Study Abroad in Japan)

Summer 2017

 Examined modern technology in respect to visual culture

Languages & Engines

C/C++/C#
CSS/HTML/Flask
JavaScript/jQuery/React
SQL/PostgreSQL/Pandas
Python
Docker
Java
Unity

Tools & Environments

Git/Bitbucket
Jira/Atlassian Suite
Scrum/Agile
MS Visual Studio
Notepad++
Jupyter Notebook
Raspberry Pi/Arduino
Windows 10/UNIX/LINUX
PuTTY