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Projects

ArtStack (artstack.chrisboaks.com) - a social art-sharing site and clone of theartstack.com.
▷ Implemented in RoR and Backbone.js.
▷ Combines AJAX requests and jQuery DOM changes with unconventional CSS for seamless favoriting and following.
▷ Stores artists as tags to simplify database. Uses Paperclip and Amazon S3 for image storage and retrieval.
   Source: github.com/chrisboaks/artstack

Asteroids.js (asteroids.chrisboaks.com) - a remake of the classic game using JS and HTML5 canvas.
▷ Employs jQuery for input handling.
▷ Features sound, a dynamic starry background, and color-changing radiant explosions.
   Source: github.com/chrisboaks/asteroids

Simple Sudoku Solver (sudoku.chrisboaks.com) - a powerful Sudoku solver in JS and JQuery.
▷ Populates sample boards of varying difficulties.
▷ Allows user to view a stylized hint or solve the entire board at once.
   Source: github.com/chrisboaks/sudoku

Skills

Ruby, Rails, JS, Backbone.js, jQuery, SQL, HTML, CSS, Git, TDD

Work History

Legal Assistant, Litigation: May 2008 – August 2014
   Willkie Farr & Gallagher, NYC
▷ Create and use a substantially automated workflow to prepare exhibits and other documents for trials and filings;
▷ Initiated department-wide use of RegEx-based text editor and led instruction in its use;
▷ Maximized database efficiency by designing complex Boolean searches for multiple databases;
▷ Train new employees and interview applicants;
▷ Bluebook and cite check pleadings (including those filed in the U.S. Supreme Court).

Mathematics & Science Teacher: October 2005 – February 2007
   NYC Department of Education (Member of NYC Teaching Fellows), Bronx NY
▷ Taught daily sixth, seventh, and eighth grade mathematics lessons adhering to NYS Mathematics Standards;
▷ Designed after-school architecture and design club with school's art department.

Education

Graduate - App Academy, NYC (Web Development Bootcamp)
▷ Intensive program emphasizing coding style and agile methodologies
▷ Highly selective admissions - acceptance rate below 5%

Bachelor of Science, Physics - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (GPA: 3.46)