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#### ABOUT ME

Aspiring Web Developer transitioning into tech with a strong foundation in problem-solving and analytical thinking, honed during my academic career and a soon-to-be-earned Ph.D. in Music Theory. I excel at tackling complex challenges and translating intricate ideas into practical solutions for web development.

Skilled in JavaScript, React, and Ruby on Rails, REST APIs, SQL, and testing frameworks, I combine technical expertise with adaptability and collaboration. I am ready to contribute to dynamic teams and build impactful, user-focused applications.

#### **SKILLS**

Languages & Frameworks Node.js | JavaScript | Ruby | SQL | Python | HTML | Express | Rails | React | CSS Tools & Technologies Git | GitHub | Visual Studio Code | Bootstrap | REST APIs | Mocha | Chai | RSpec | Cypress Research & Analytical Tools Microsoft 365 | Data Organization | Academic Research Teaching & Communication Curriculum Development | Lecturing | Public Speaking | Technical Writing Soft Skills Adaptability | Problem Solving | Critical Thinking | Collaboration Languages English (Bilingual) | Spanish (Bilingual) | German (Fluent) | French (Conversational)

#### **EDUCATION**

Lighthouse Labs	Sep. 2024–Dec. 2024
Diploma: Web Development	_
University of Toronto	Sep. 2019–June 2025 (exp.)
Doctor of Philosophy, Music Theory	
University of Toronto	Sep. 2016–June 2018
Master of Arts, Music Theory	
Concordia University	Sep. 2012–June 2016
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Music Composition	

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### University of Toronto

Full stack Web Developer

- Designing and creating database for "European Refugee Musicians in Canada" online biographical dictionary
- Developing a web application with a React frontend, integrated with a CMS-backed database to manage dynamic content efficiently

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Feb. 2025-present

• Integrating a custom API to fetch and display structured content efficiently

### University of Toronto

Music Theory Course Instructor

- Simplified complex concepts for undergraduates, showcasing skills in breaking down technical problems.
- Led interactive lectures, fostering collaboration and critical thinking. ٠
- Managed teaching assistants, ensuring consistency and quality.

### University of Toronto

**Research** Trainee

- Conducted in-depth research on music theory topics, and synthesized data for academic publication.
- Drafted and edited materials, paving attention to detail and clear documentation.

# University of Toronto

Research Assistant

- Created and managed large datasets to support faculty research projects. •
- Refined analytical methodologies through collaboration, fostering a problem-solving • environment.

### University Settlement Music & Arts School

Faculty Member and Theory Teacher

- Tailored lessons to diverse skill levels, emphasizing adaptability to student needs.
- Assessed student progress and implemented targeted instructional strategies, achieving high • exam pass rates.
- Used creative teaching methods to maintain student engagement and foster a collaborative learning environment.

# **HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS**

European Refugee Musicians in Canada Online Biographical Dictionary in progress Scope: a static content web application that allows users to perform custom searches and browse the dictionary's contents.

Tools: Node.js, React, JavaScript, Contentful, REST APIs, CSS

# Express TinyApp v2.0

January 2025 Scope: a multi-page web application for managing and sharing shortened URLs, emphasizing user permissions and database-driven data handling.

Tools: Node.js, Express.js, EJS, PostgreSQL, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Chai Description:

- Built RESTful routes for secure authentication, URL creation, and management.
- Designed dynamic, responsive EJS templates for a user-friendly experience.
- Configured PostgreSQL for reliable data storage and integrity. •

# Jungle

November 2024

Scope: enhanced and stabilized a pre-existing e-commerce web application by resolving bugs,

implementing testing, and ensuring smooth functionality across key-features.

Tools: Ruby on Rails, RSpec, PostgreSQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript Description:

Debugged and resolved application issues, improving reliability and performance. •

Jan. 2021–March 2023

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Sep. 2018-Aug. 2021

March 2023–July 2024

Jan. 2023–May 2023

- Implemented RSpec tests to validate core functionalities, ensuring consistent behaviour.
- Collaborated with the existing codebase, identifying and fixing edge cases to enhance user experience.

#### Photolabs

November 2024

<u>Scope:</u> a single-page web application for photo display and management, featuring a front page that displays photos and a modal window that shows selected photo along with similar photos.

<u>Tools:</u> React, Node.js, Express.js, Webpack, SCSS, JavaScript, HTML, CSS <u>Description:</u>

- Implemented a responsive frontend using React, allowing users to view and interact with photos seamlessly.
- Developed a backend server with Node.js and Express.js to handle API requests and serve data efficiently.
- Styled the application using SCSS for a modern and consistent user interface.