Julie Kitzer

Full-stack Web Developer

I am a continuously curious full-stack react developer passionate about working in teams and finding creative solutions to technical problems. My previous experience as a graphic designer and shift supervisor has me perfectly positioned to bridge the gap between managing teams, designers, and operations.

✉ juliekitzer@gmail.com   📱 8155571539   🗔 juliekitzer.com   in linkedin.com/in/juliekitzer   ⬤ github.com/juliekitzer

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

pUpdate (01/2023)
- pUpdate is a pet activity tracker that allows users to create pet profiles that may be shared among multiple user accounts. The app enables users to add daily activity tracking, important information, and shareable pet care PDFs.
- pUpdate is a solo project created to showcase Full-stack Development Skills with an emphasis on our use of ReactJS.
- Built using ReactJS, NodeJS, Express, Sequelize, Bulma, Illustrator, and Photoshop

Food and Wine Passport (12/2022)
- Food and Wine passport is a companion guide for the Food and Wine Festival at Disney's EPCOT. The app allows users to view all Festival booths and the Limited time food and drink offerings available. Each offering shows an image and description and enables users to rate, review, and favorite any food and drink item.
- Food and Wine Passport is a solo Full-Stack web application created with ExpressJS, NodeJS, Bcrypt, PostgreSQL, HTML, CSS, and Photoshop

PokéDecks (11/2022)
- Functional Pokédex that allows the user to access the first 905 Pokémon and their information and add them to a deck to build their own Pokémon team
- Utilized two API's to return Pokémon data such as photos, description, type, gender and variant
- Project built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
- Visit live code here

Concentration - Game application (10/2022)
- Memory-based puzzle game created with HTML, CSS, Javascript, and Photoshop.
- The game's object is to create matches to reveal a rebus puzzle. The user is then prompted on each card match with an opportunity to guess the riddle.
- Concentration is my first attempt at creating a web application. It was created using Javascript, HTML, and CSS. Card flip animations were achieved by utilizing set time-outs and CSS.
- Visit live code here

EDUCATION

Certificate in Full Stack Web Development
DigitalCrafts
- 16-week full-stack immersive software development program

Study Program
Institution/Place of Education

Bachelor of Arts
University of St. Francis
Joliet, IL
- Communication and Media Arts

Associate of Arts
Joliet Junior College
- Graphic Design

ACHIEVEMENTS

Treasurer, Lambda Pi Eta: National Communication Honor Society
National Communication Honor Society. Members must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, 3.5 GPA in Communication courses and be in the top 35% of the student body.

The Illinois Southwest Prairie Conference
Placed first in the digital art category for digital photo manipulation.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Developer Skills
HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js, Redux Toolkit, Node.js, Express.js, PostgreSQL, Git, GitHub, D RESTful APIs, Databases, Front-end Frameworks, DOM manipulation

Design Principles
Web Design, Gestalt principles, Branding, Typography, Print design

Adobe Creative Suite
Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, and Adobe Audition.

Knowledge of Social Media Platforms
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and TikTok

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Photographer/Designer
Julie Kitzer Photography and Designs
05/2010 - Present

- Work with clients to photograph and edit senior pictures, headshots, engagements, and events.
- Designs logos, invitations, pamphlets and web designs such as websites, headers, and banners.

Shift Supervisor
Starbucks
09/2019 - Present

- Leading a team to improve performance and implement training updates.
- Coordinates employees for inventory receiving, auditing, and restocking.
- Cultivates performance-based and collaborative culture by recognizing achievements and excellent teamwork.
- Reinforces rules to promote superior employee performance.
- Mentors new team members and encourages growth within my team.

PhotoPass Photographer
The Walt Disney Company
05/2017 - 06/2018

- Photographed guests' vacation memories and special events across Disney Parks and properties.
- Operated camera equipment and technology, including DSLR, PDA, image fulfillment stations, camera lenses, lighting, and flash attachments.
- Explained features of the PhotoPass and Memory Maker products to guests.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Illinois Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
Received two gold keys and one silver key for individual pieces and an additional gold key for overall digital art portfolio.