

# Samantha Orcutt

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## Overview

I am a Full Stack Web Developer that graduated cum laude in Environmental Studies from UW and has experience working in the financial and legal sectors. I am known for my friendly demeanor and hardworking, detail oriented, work ethic. My background gives me a unique perspective on how to tackle problems, and provides me with a very structured approach to get any task accomplished in an organized and concise fashion. I recently completed UW's coding bootcamp and loved every second of it. I am incredibly excited to apply my skills in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, and continue to grow in this expansive field.

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## Technology Proficiencies

JavaScript	HTML5	Bootstrap	CSS3
SQL, MySQL	Sequelize	MongoDB, Mongoose	Git
Node.js	Express	Heroku	React
Mocha.js	Firebase	REST Framework	jQuery

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## Development Experience

### **Suited - Job-Seeker Oriented Search Engine**

<https://suited.herokuapp.com/>

Suited is a full-stack MERN job search application that allows the user to filter jobs, based on their preferences and skills. Suited is tailored towards the job-seeker; allowing them to find jobs that are suited for them through a series of personalizable filters. They can then make notes and keep track of jobs throughout the application process.

- My role was to work on the front and back end, creating a search engine that could take in a user's preferences and skills, and display jobs that are best suited for them. I did this by creating a series of scrapers and filters, using REST framework, and routing the responses through our server. I also created individual React components to handle different aspects of the search and profile.
- Technologies: Mongo, Mongoose, Cheerio, Express, Axios, React, Node, & Reactstrap

### **Blocker Buster - Coding Themed Video Game and Chat**

<https://blockerbuster.herokuapp.com/>

Blocker Buster consists of a front and back end based game that are intended to let you take a break from coding when you reach a blocker that you simply cannot get through. The chat aspect also allows you to chat with other players to help you find solutions to the problems that you are facing.

- My role was to create a game using Phaser.io. Create our database structure and routing to save users and their scores. I also created our login using Passport.js, and assisted with our chat which uses Socket.io.
- Technologies: Node, Express, SQL, Handlebars, Heroku, Socket.io, Phaser.io, Passport.js, and MDB

### **Hello World - Preference Driven Vacation Planner**

<https://jsevern94.github.io/Hello-World/>

Hello World is a reverse travel app that has you input your preferences into a quiz and then tells you places that you should travel to. These quiz results are displayed in a series of cards that include: images, information about the locations, maps, ratings for different attractions, suggested attractions, and weather throughout the year.

- My role was creating the response cards after the quiz was submitted. I took the responses from our algorithm and ran them through a series of asynchronous API calls to retrieve responses from Google maps and places, pixabay, and wikipedia to fill our response cards and create an overall map with information based on our user's quiz results.
- Technologies: Firebase, Google Maps & Places API, Wikimedia API, Pixabay API, AJAX, JQuery & Materialize Framework

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## Education

### **University of Washington, Seattle**

September 2019

#### **Fullstack Web Development Certificate**

- Worked collaboratively with colleagues to create 3 fully deployed group projects.
- Completed the course at the top of my class with an A+ average overall.
- Technologies learned include: JavaScript, Java, Node.js, MongoDB, SQL, React.js, Firebase, HTML5, CSS3, jQuery, Bootstrap, Heroku, Travis CI, and Git.

## **University of Washington, Seattle**

June 2018

### **BA, Environmental Studies, Minor in Environmental Science and Resource Management**

- Achieved a GPA of 3.8, with departmental and Cum Laude honors.
  - Performed research on the Oxygen Dead Zone aboard the R/V Roger Revelle in the Eastern Tropical North Pacific.
  - Selected to be one of five students to orally present their thesis project at departmental symposium.
  - Advised and collaborated on a legally mandated Port of Seattle restoration project.
  - Volunteered as a counselor and unit lead for Camp Kesem, a charity that provides free summer camps for children who have been affected by their parent's cancer. Responsibilities included fundraising and providing a safe environment for the campers.
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## **Work Experience**

### **Office Coordinator**

August 2018 to March 2019

#### **Robert A. Underhill P.C. – Seattle, WA**

- Accommodated the individual needs and requirements of accountants and lawyers within the firm.
- Made visual representations of business plans to be used in meetings with clients, utilizing the MS Office Suite.
- Managed and scrubbed client data within the companies CRM.

### **Legal Assistant**

August 2018 to March 2019

#### **The Law Office of Katharine A.D. Hanson – Seattle, WA**

- Automated the practices' timekeeping processes.
- Managed and trained other team members on office technology and bill keeping systems.
- Meticulously drafted and proofread pleadings and orders to the court.

### **Intern, Waste Management Analysis**

December 2017 to March 2018

#### **Town and Country Markets Inc – Edmonds, WA**

- Researched government contracts with waste providers at each store location throughout Western Washington.
- Delivered a thorough review of waste management practices across grocery store chain, to the Board of Directors.
- Proposed immediate cost savings of \$40k annually, with no investment through communication with waste and government officials.

### **Account Manager**

May 2016 to September 2016

#### **Pacific Appraisers - Aptos, CA**

- Rewrote procedures to match current business processes, standardize practices and streamline new employee training.
- Acted as first point of contact for both clients and customers. Provided conflict resolution and early mitigation of problems.
- Demonstrated a strong understanding of each client's Order Management System (OMS).
- Delegated responsibilities amongst administrative staff to guarantee objectives were completed correctly and efficiently.