






Karan Mehta

BACKEND DEVELOPER

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Skills

Ruby on Rails | Postman
RSpec | GitHub
PostgresQL / SQL |
Deployment | Active Record |
GraphQL
MVC | REST API | OOP | TDD

Education

Turing School of Software & Design (2021)
Backend Software Development

·ACCET-accredited software development program
·Accruing over 1,700 hours of coding experience in solo, paired, and group settings

Illinois State University, Normal

Bachelor's degree in political science, sequence in international relations

Summary

I am an adaptable and efficient backend software engineer with experience in strategic political communications. A stickler for good communication within teams and passionate about learning how the state and federal government implements technology in our lives.

Projects

Sweater Weather – [Back-end GitHub](#) | Solo (5 days)

- Tech Stack: Ruby on Rails | Heroku | Postman
- Combined requests from multiple API endpoints in order to create a back end that matched standards for a pre-built frontend
- Created multiple endpoints for frontend specifications, and features like account creation and user sessions with API keys
- Tested functionality with RSpec

Little Esty Shop – [Back-end GitHub](#) | Five-Person Team (10 days)

- Tech Stack: Ruby on Rails | Heroku | PostgreSQL
- Built a fictitious e-commerce platform where merchants and admins can manage inventory and
- fulfill customer invoices
- Used advanced Rails routing techniques
- Implemented complex ActiveRecord and SQL queries
- Consumed a public API

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nanno April 2020–February 2021
Director of Execution and Public Relations

- Work closely with the CEO in building our Public Relations, SEO and Content Marketing efforts.
- Pitch and maintain relationships with reporters: landed the company in publications including Wall Street Journal and American Innovation.
- Utilize Search Engine Optimization tactics on SEMrush by keyword strategizing to rank higher in Google.
- Manage content marketing efforts by building the company newsletter, monthly trend report, and website.
- Manage social media platforms including Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.
- We're a scrappy team of five that charter into new territories to learn and build our company profile.

Illinois Senate July 2016–August 2019
Legislative Staff Member

- Drafted all press releases, opinion editorials, and media responses for multiple legislators, communicating with reporters and constituents weekly on topics during Spring Legislative Session.
- Wrote and published content on Senator's social media platforms and legislative website, as well as distributed her e-newsletters to 40,000 residents regularly.
- Served as caucus photographer on the Senate floor, utilizing SLR camera and Adobe Photoshop.
- Monitored the Senate Executive Committee, reporting on the votes, debates and results for the communications team.
- Utilized I-Constituent – A software created to bridge the gap between legislators and constituents