

# NICHOLAS PIASKOSKI

## WEB DEVELOPER

### Experience

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**Tech Talent South**  
Instructor

Asheville, NC  
Dec 2017 to Mar 2018

Instruct full-time and part-time students through web development immersives. These courses focus on Ruby and Rails. HTML, CSS, JS, jQuery, Bootstrap and SQLite are also covered. Lead full-time students through 3 major projects and provide issue support for their independent projects. This was a contract position.

**General Assembly**  
Web Developer Trainee

Boston, MA  
Jun 2017 to Sep 2017

#### Major Accomplishments:

- Built a mock e-commerce site with a team of 3 other developers. We built the back end with MongoDB, Mongoose, and Express.js. We also incorporated the Stripe API for taking credit cards payments on our site.
- Built two web apps that interact with APIs that I created with Ruby on Rails. Used AJAX requests to return the data from the API and Bootstrap and Handlebars to help with the formatting on the front end.
- Built a web game, using an SPA that interacts with Javascript through jQuery, and that connects with an existing API through AJAX to handle user authentication and log game moves.

**Verizon Wireless**  
Retail Operations specialist

Waynesville, NC  
Aug 2004 to May 2017

#### Major Accomplishments:

- Created a bar code generator that is readable by inventory scanners to account for a new program where we were purchasing serialized equipment that did not have SKUs. Saved the company \$15M over the course of a year through greater inventory accuracy and decreasing the processing time for that inventory at 1700 retail locations.
- Created a fix to refactor an outdated feature in the Point Of Sale system, which was causing stores to send back no value items to the national warehouse. Saved the company \$17M over the period of three years by eliminating shipping costs and processing times at 1700 retail locations and the national warehouse.
- Earned a Leading performance rating 6 out of 7 years in my role as Operations Specialist. This the highest performance rating and only 5% of employees earn this rating.

### Contact

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### Skills

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HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Javascript, JQuery, Handlebars, Ruby, Rails, Node.js, SQL, MongoDB, Mongoose, Git/Github, Webpack

### Education

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#### Auburn University

Master's level course work and research in aquaculture completed

#### University Of Massachusetts

Bachelor's of Science Biology

### Awards

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Verizon Wireless ·  
**Powerful Answers 2015**

Award for identifying improvements in reverse logistics.

Verizon Wireless ·  
**Winner's Circle 2005 & 2006**

Award for exceeding 110% of sales quota

### Volunteering

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**WWOOF USA**      Mar 2007 to  
· Host                      Current

This is a volunteer position where I work as mentor and host to aspiring organic farmers through the organization World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms. Interns live and work on my homestead farm for anywhere from two weeks to six months, learning about organic growing and living more sustainably.