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Web Engineer

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About: I'm an experienced web developer looking to advance my career. I want to help build a product where a clear vision and a talented group of people executing on that vision produces software that helps millions of people. I want to help solve challenging problems. I'm learning to ask better questions. I hope to work with and learn from other skilled engineers in order to deepen my programming skills and learn new ways of solving problems.

OVERVIEW

- I place a strong emphasis on writing testable code that's intended for consumption by other developers.
- I value readable code and I'm always in search of more elegant solutions.
- I enjoy learning new programming languages and at becoming more adept with languages that I'm familiar with.
- I'm accustomed to shipping software using an agile methodology and scrum process.
- I possess practical knowledge of relational databases, distributed memory caches, and other technologies used to build modern, scalable web applications.

EDUCATION

MAY 2008

➔ Bachelor of Science, Computer Science
With Honors (3.65+ GPA)
Montana State University

SKILLS

Languages

- JavaScript
- PHP
- Ruby
- Objective-C
- Go
- Python
- C#
- Java
- C

Experience with the following frameworks and technologies

- CodeIgniter
- Rails
- Sinatra
- Backbone
- YUI
- jQuery
- Express
- Apache and Nginx
- MySQL and Postgres
- Redis and memcached
- MongoDB
- CouchDB
- LESS, SASS, vanilla CSS

WORK EXPERIENCE

2008 - PRESENT

RightNow Technologies (Acquired by Oracle, 2012) - Bozeman, MT
Web Developer

Lead member on a team that builds a web platform powering many big-time customer support websites. This product is a hosted, PHP-based application framework that provides a rich set of UI widgets for building support features; it's designed to work well for most businesses out-of-the-box. But the developer framework provides a great deal of APIs so that businesses can customize the support experience they provide to better suit specific business needs or user goals.

Overview

- Built developer-facing framework APIs in PHP and JavaScript.
- Made enduser-facing features comprised of PHP, JavaScript, and CSS components.
- Communicated with customers and platform developers via web forums.
- 4-time RightNow-Oracle development hackathon winner (1 solo, 3 team).
- Built and maintained several internal, standalone web apps and other internal tools as part of 20% time.
- Gave multiple talks at developer conferences (2010 & 2011 RightNow Developers Conference) and several talks internal to the organization.

2007

Computers Unlimited - Billings, MT
Software Development Intern

Worked in a team building pharmaceutical inventory management software.

Overview

- Responsibilities involved fixing bugs and developing minor features in a mature application.
- This required learning a new programming language and new development practices.

Areas of Expertise

Highly-skilled in front-end web development techniques such as:

- Modern JavaScript applications
- CSS (CSS3 as well as preprocessor frameworks)
- HTML5 elements and modern browser APIs
- Web page accessibility (supporting JAWS and Voiceover screen readers)
- Responsive web design as well as websites designed specifically for mobile devices

SIDE PROJECTS



These are some things I've built to scratch an itch and to explore technologies outside the purview of what I'd see at work.

CatchLater (<https://catchlater.com>)

Web app to stash off online videos (Youtube, Vimeo, TED, etc.) for watching later.

➔ Built using Rails and MongoDB.

TweetStasher (<http://tweetstasher.com>)

Simple web app to save off drafts of tweets to post later.

➔ Small NodeJS app built with Express, Backbone, and CouchDB.

Colorant (<http://colorantapp.com>)

Niche iPhone app to inspect colors in photos with a color picker and view generated color palettes.

➔ Built with pure Objective-C and UIKit APIs.

Tomatar (<http://tomatar.com>)

Pomodoro timer web app.

➔ Built with AngularJS, Postgres, and the Flatiron NodeJS libraries.

I would love to work with you.



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