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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 to be consumed 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

I'm a 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 default features—aimed at support users—that's designed to work well for most businesses from the start. 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

- I have experience building developer-facing framework APIs in PHP and JavaScript.
- I've also built a number of enduser-facing features comprised of PHP, JavaScript, and CSS components.
- I help instruct customers / platform developers via an online forum.
- I'm a 4-time RightNow-Oracle development hackathon winner (1 solo, 3 team).
- I've given talks at multiple developer conferences (2010 & 2011 RightNow Developers Conference) as well as several talks internal to the organization.

2007

Computers Unlimited – Billings, MT
Intern

I worked within a team building pharmaceutical inventory management software.

Overview

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

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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 (http://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.
➡ 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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