

Zeke Sikelianos

I'm a freelance graphic designer and software developer living in Oakland, California. I believe information wants to be free, and that computers can be used to create beautiful things.

Jobs

npm Oakland, CA

npm is the package manager for JavaScript: a huge registry of over 150,000 open-source modules for building applications for node/io.js and the browser. During my time at npm, I oversaw a complete redesign and rebuild of the frontend and backend of the npmjs.com website, making it faster, cleaner, more information-dense, mobile-friendly, and more easily contributed to by the open source community.

2014-08-18 - 2015-05-05

Heroku San Francisco, CA

Heroku is a platform that simplifies the once-arduous task of deploying, running, and scaling web applications. I wore many hats at Heroku, including designer, engineer, product manager, and evangelist. I designed

and implemented a full redesign of addons.heroku.com, Heroku's marketplace for cloud infrastructure providers, as well as other web properties like blog.heroku.com and help.heroku.com. In my last year with the company, I spent most of my time improving the Node.js development experience on Heroku by rewriting the build process from scratch, creating the semver.io microservice for resolving Node versions, writing documentation and blog posts, answering support tickets, and representing the company by speaking at conferences and mentoring at meetups.

2012-05-01 - 2014-08-08

Wordnik San Mateo, CA

Wordnik is a Bay Area-startup devoted to words and language. While at Wordnik, I designed, built, and maintained the high-traffic wordnik.com website, and also created Swagger, a specification and tool for documenting, visualizing, and generating client SDKs for HTTP webservice.

2011-01-01 - 2012-04-15

Fractured Atlas Los Angeles, CA & New York, NY

Fractured Atlas is a national non-profit organization providing services for the independent arts community. During my tenure at Gemini, I designed, coded, and maintained Rails and Sinatra applications and geospatial webservices making use of technologies like Postgres, PostGIS, CouchDB, and the Google Maps Javascript and Flash SDKs.

2011-01-01 - 2012-04-15

ELC Technologies Santa Barbara, CA

ELC was a Rails development consultancy for Fortune 500 companies. As a

developer at ELC I oversaw the design, development, and maintenance of enterprise-level applications, and was exposed to newly-popularized tenets of so-called agile web development, including pair programming, scrum management and iterative development cycles.

2007-01-15 - 2008-03-31

Ideum Corrales, NM

Ideum is a small new media outfit that works primarily with museums, schools, nonprofits, and socially responsible companies. As Interactive Director, I oversaw the production of a variety of educational and humanitarian projects and worked extensively with Flickr and Google mashups using PHP and Python.

2006-03-15 - 2006-11-30

Rome & Gold Creative Albuquerque, NM

Rome & Gold Creative is a branding agency working in a wide array of media. I worked as Lead Web Designer/Developer and Junior Print Designer, focusing primarily on developing MySQL-driven PHP websites with content management interfaces, but also doing print, clothing, environmental, and game design.

2002-08-10 - 2006-05-05

French Government L'Isle sur la Sorgue, Provence, France

After studying French in college at UNM, I enrolled in a program to teach English at a public high school in Provence. The program was intended to encourage French students to develop their conversational English skills with native speakers.

2001-09-20 - 2002-05-15

Neogenesis Media Albuquerque, NM

Neogenesis was a documentary film production house. I worked primarily on post-video editing using Discreet Combustion and After Effects, but also produced interactive CD-ROMs and Macromedia (Adobe) Flash websites, and developed and maintained a networked rendering farm.

2000-12-01 - 2001-09-01

Archetypal 3D Albuquerque, NM

I worked at this small architectural design firm as a high school student, photographing homes and creating websites to show them off to prospective buyers. The fun part was making panoramic 360-degree IPIX pictures using a camera equipped with a special 190-degree lens for taking twin hemispheric photos to stitch together with software.

1997-08-01 - 1999-02-01

Schools

Beaver Brook Port Jervis, NY

Beaver Brook is an architectural design and building school located in the woods of upstate New York. I was a student in its inaugural year, during which our ten-person alumni built a sauna.

2013-08-26 - 2013-09-06

Machine Project Los Angeles, CA

Machine Project is an informal educational institution that teaches all kinds of things: electronics, sewing, pickling, computer programming, car theft and so forth. While living in Los Angeles, I attended several of these classes, the most interesting being the one where we built a shipwrecked boat.

2010-01-01 - 2010-08-01

Santa Barbara City College Santa Barbara, CA

After a long departure from academia, I willfully attended courses in linguistics and printmaking.

2008-09-01 - 2009-05-15

University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM

Fresh out of high school, I received a scholarship to attend the univeristy, but after two years of disenchantment, I enrolled in an English teaching program in France and made what was to be my first exodus from academia and the United States.

1999-09-05 - 2001-04-28

See my recent projects, design portfolio, and blog posts at zeke.sikelianos.com.

References available upon request.