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[UX-UI] Designer & Front End Developer from Pittsburgh PA

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OBJECTIVE

I am a seasoned designer/developer with a focus on crafting quality user experiences by combining both of my skill sets – creative and technical. I thrive on the challenge of addressing problems that occur when people use technology. My goal is to improve online experiences for all people regardless of age, skill level or disability. I am a lifelong learner and leader by example and I am committed to the quality of my craft.

RECENT CAREER PROFILE

UX Design Lead ShowClix - Pittsburgh, PA
October 2010 to Present

Founder, Creative Director Kuzin Creative - Pittsburgh, PA
(April 2006 to Present)

Graphic Design & Front-end Development Direct Axis Creative - Pittsburgh, PA
(March 2009 to April 2010)

EDUCATION HISTORY

the Art Institute of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
Bachelor of Science with honors, Graphic Design, 2008

TECHNICAL INVENTORY

- **Expert standards-based Web Developer**, utilizing valid hand-coded HTML/HTML5 and CSS/SASS/LESS
- Skilled in graphic design and art direction within a team-based environment.
- Obsessed with usability, wireframes, A/B testing.
- Professional level photo editing and asset creation.
- Comfortable working in a text-editing environment
- Comfortable managing large repositories of code via version control (Eg. git).
- Knowledgeable integrating front-end markup within large code environments or frameworks such as Ruby on Rails, PHP, or .NET

- Experience designing and developing websites with WordPress as a CMS and other PHP-based templating systems.
- Ability to add interactivity to a website by utilizing javascript.
- Experience with MVC and MVC Frameworks (RoR, Django, CakePHP, etc.)
- Working knowledge of The Document Object Model and Object Oriented Programming.
- Obsessed with proper use of semantics and standardization of the web.
- Loves pineapple upside down cake.

THOUGHTFUL RECOMMENDATIONS

I don't exaggerate when I say that Michael is the most prolific (and perfectionist) designer I've encountered as a teacher of art and design. When a project would seem to be at its best and no one had anything else to add, Michael would somehow discover a way to improve it. Not only did he consistently push the limits of his own art, but inspired others to do the same. It didn't surprise me at all when he won Best of Show at Portfolio Review. He shared information liberally with his peers and instructors and worked incredibly hard. If I were hiring a designer, I'd hire him in a heartbeat.

“ **Terese Jungle**, *Professor of Graphic Design*, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Mike is a very clever designer who is patient, attentive to detail, and willing to deal with meticulous changes. His style always evolves and I'm consistently impressed with his work, especially what I see outside of the office.

“ **Anthony Fabbricatore**, *Marketing Communications Coordinator*, ShowClix, Inc.

Mike is an extremely talented and versatile designer with an impressive bank of knowledge that covers everything from conceptual theory to scalable web development. Whether he's sketching out a workflow, assembling an interface or constructing an eye-popping, attention-grabbing landing page, Mike keeps the focus on the users while consistently executing projects in an elite and timely fashion. With his passion for solving complex interaction problems, coupled with a fun-loving, resilient attitude, Mike is an ideal candidate for a fast-paced dev environment. He is one of the most sophisticated, innovative and productive designers I've ever met, and working with him was an absolute pleasure.

“ **Jonathan Bieda**, *Creative Director*, ShowClix Inc.

METADATA

Portfolio	About	LinkedIn	Dribbble	Twitter
kuzn.me/work	kuzn.me/about	linkedin.com/in/michaelkuzin	dribbble.com/players/kuzin	twitter.com/kuzin

Code Samples & References Available by Request.

Resumé also available online at kuzn.me/cv