

# UI/UX DEVELOPER | DESIGNER

## INTERACTIVE & RESPONSIVE DESIGN, UI/UX, RUBY ON RAILS

COVER LETTER  
JOSHUA SCHMITZ

This resume will reveal why I am the perfect candidate for the position of UI/UX Developer at [company name]. My current resume and a list of distinguished references are enclosed. Examples of my recent web projects, as well as my art and design-oriented works are available on my handcrafted portfolio website: [querycreative.net](http://querycreative.net).

My undergraduate experience in the field of Graphic and Studio Arts, including my internship, instilled a sense of empathy and humility towards clients. This also provided me ample experience with several Adobe Creative Suite programs. Through the pursuit of further education, my computer science-based studies included the use of Object-Oriented Programming theory through the use of Java and C++ as well as MySQL, JSP, advanced mathematics and algorithm studies. In an academic setting, I have also used Matlab, AutoCAD and AutoDesk Inventor to create 3D mock-ups.


I realized that a truly steeped and capable designer must be knowledgeable in 2D, 3D and 4D media. I thus began my extensive research into motion graphics and coding as well as the use of After Effects, Edge/Animate and various markup and scripting languages – such as Javascript, jQuery, HTML5 and CSS3. Through rigorous self-directed online learning, I became proficient in front-end web development.

This pursuit of knowledge continued in my position as a UI/UX developer with Firespring in my learning and implementation of templating languages and frameworks, such as: HAML, SASS, Coffeescript, Angular and Ruby on Rails. I have extensively studied and implemented the following in a wide variety of web-based projects: MVC principles, top-down approach to information architecture, mobile-first approach Responsive web design, Agile and waterfall methods, unit & integration testing, peer code reviews & QA practices, Git & CLI commands, Server management, MySQL & PostgreSQL database implementation within Rails environments, the use of Bitbucket, Heroku, Amazon AWS (S3 buckets), as well as providing insight and feedback on the end-user's experience.

This intellectual curiosity and creative problem solving matched with an environment that encourages continuous self-development is an essential element to becoming an expert in a field which relies emphatically on understanding both the exponentially evolving software & languages and the often-cryptic mind of the client. For this reason, along with my demonstrable knowledge in the position of User Interface Design and User Experience Development, I firmly assert that my professional coding and design skills align with the position that [company name] is currently looking to fill.

I am eager to engage in candid substantiation of my skills in an interview. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to discussing how my conscientiousness and abilities would benefit your company and fulfill my career goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Joshua J. Schmitz



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# RESUME

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### Employment

UI/UX Developer | Firespring

August '14 – Current | Christopher Kingsley, CCO

402.437.0000 | 1201 Infinity Ct. | Lincoln NE 68512

Coding, testing and styling projects using Ruby on Rails, HAML, SASS, JS/jQuery, Git and Bitbucket repos. Peer code reviewing in a primarily Front-End Development and UI Design position. Responsible for Responsiveness of sites, User-Experience testing and debugging/testing/QA of projects and team members' code.

Freelance/Contract Web/Graphic Designer | QueryCreative

September '06 – Present | Active in Wayne & Lincoln NE

LocalMize | bruce@localmize.com

Hers Brand Clothing | jamaal@herskers.com

Strictly Business Lincoln | info@strictly-business.com

Created web sites/pages, coded mark-up, designed logos, ads, flyers, publications, intaglio prints and clothing.

IT Administration/Support | Securcomm (defunct)

Summer '14 | Mitch Sick, CIO

402.441.444 | 1225 L Street, #600 | Lincoln NE 68508

Providing IT support on a vast array of issues and equipment –from configuring VoIP phones and solving physical layers issues to installing end-user products and fielding client questions. Implementation of VMWare, Server installation and management, Configuration of Juniper equipment and other devices and the troubleshooting of the same.

Designer/Journalist | Internship | The Wayne Herald

August '09 – May '11 | Kevin Peterson - Publisher

402.375.2600 | 114 Main Street | Wayne NE 68787

Design, layout and editing of Herald publications, including photojournalism assignments. Utilized InDesign, Illustrator, Flash and Photoshop (CS5).

### Education

University of Nebraska–Lincoln | CSCE Coursework

3.8/4.0 GPA | Master's of Computer Science Courses

May '13 – August '14

402.472.7211 | 1400 R St, Lincoln, NE 68588

Wayne State College | BA in Graphic Design/Art, Spanish, English

Cum Laude | Highest Honors in Majors | Graduated May '11

402.375.7000 | 1111 Main Street | Wayne NE 68787

### Community Contributions

IT Specialist in the NE Army National Guard, 67th BfSB, S6, '12 – '16

Volunteer at Capital Humane Society and Best Friends Sanctuary

Participant in '10 Art Expo Veterans Fundraiser | Wayne County

### Professional Skills

HTML5 (HAML/SLIM)

CSS3 (SASS/Less)

Vanilla JS (CoffeeScript)

jQuery & Angular

Ruby, Ruby on Rails

Adobe Creative Suite

Photoshop

Illustrator

After Effects

Edge Animate/Code/Reflow

InDesign

Lightroom

Audition

UX considerations

UI implementation

Sketch & UX Pin

Wireframing & Prototyping

Responsive Considerations

Project & Time Management

Web & Interactive Design

CMS Building & Integration

Git, CLI, Server Setup

Brand & Identity Ideation

Layout/Composition for Print

Network Design/Admin

AutoCAD/Inventor Drafting

Copy Writing/Proofing

Creative Problem-Solving

Strategic Ideation & Input

### Achievements/Awards

Addy Award, Best Website, '16

GRE - V: 157 Q: 160 W: 4

Composite ACT Score: 32

Distinguished Honor Grad

US Army, 25B, C447 | April '13

Army ASVAB Score: 98

Published Poems & Art Work

Judas Goat & Nebby '07-'11

WSC Student Juried Show '07-'11

WSC Art Scholarship '09-'11

Dean's List | WSC '06-'11

Sigma Delta Pi

Alpha Gamma Mu

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