DEVELOPER | DESIGNER

COVER LETTER
JOSHUA SCHMITZ

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Consider this my formal application for the position of web developer and UI/UX designer at your company. Enclosed for consideration are the following: my current resumé and a list of distinguished references. For examples of my art and design-oriented works, please visit my handcrafted portfolio website: 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. Initially, upon enrolling in post-secondary education, I was interested in architectural design and drafting. My computer-based studies included the use of AutoCAD and AutoDesk Inventor to create blue prints and 3-dimensional mock-ups for houses. After taking an interest in fine arts, I switched my academic emphasis to pursue a graphic design and studio art-oriented career. This provided ample exposure to and usage of the Adobe Creative Suite programs, which are vital in this industry.

During my tenure at The Wayne Herald, I realized the significance of being steeped in Adobe products – which further allowed for creative development and deeper insight into these programs. This position affirmed my belief that a skilled designer must be knowledgeable in both print and web-based media. I thus began my extensive research into motion graphics and coding as well as After Effects, Fireworks and various markup and scripting languages – such as Javascript, jQuery, HTML5 and CSS3. As a freelance web and graphic designer, I rigorously expanded my knowledge of web design principles and languages. This self-directed study continued in my position as a web developer with 42 in my learning and implementation of HAML, SASS, Coffeescript and Ruby on Rails.

This inherent intellectual curiosity is an essential element to becoming an expert in any area, especially in a field that relies emphatically on understanding both the exponentially evolving software and the cryptic psychology of the audience. For this reason, along with my demonstrable knowledge in the field of web design and development, I firmly assert that my skills align with the position that your company 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 skills would both benefit your company and fulfill my career goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua J. Schmitz

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EMPLOYMENT 🔧 (Most Relevant)

Web Developer | 42
August 14 – Current | Christopher Kingsley, CEO
402.261.8952 | 1416 O St, Ste. 1 | Lincoln NE 68508
Coding, testing and styling projects using Ruby on Rails, HAML, SaSS, Coffeescript, Git and subversion and peer code reviewing through Bitbucket in a primarily Front-End development position.

IT Administration/Support | Sequrcomm
May 14 – August 14 | Mitch Sick, CIO
402.441.444 | 1225 L Street, #600 | Lincoln NE 68508
Provided 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. This position included exposure and implementation of Apple product support, VMWare, Server installation and management, Configuration of Juniper equipment and other devices and troubleshooting.

Freelance/Contract Web/Graphic Designer | QueryCreative
September 2006 – Present | Active in Wayne & Lincoln NE
LocalMize | bruce@localmize.com
Hers Brand Clothing | jamaal@herskers.com
Pickering Creative Group | mike@pickeringcreativegroup.com
Strictly Business Lincoln | info@strictly-business.com
Created web sites/pages, coded mark-up, designed logos, ads, flyers, clothing designs, publications and various intaglio prints.

Designer/Journalist | 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 photo-journalism assignments. Utilized InDesign, Illustrator, Flash and Photoshop CS2-5.5.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 🔖

25 Bravo | Information Technology Specialist
US Army | National Guard
Honor Graduate | C447 15th RSB, Ft Gordon GA
Current Unit | 67th BFSB Nebraska National Guard

Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design/Art, Spanish, English
Cum Laude | Highest Honors in Majors
Graduated May 2011 | Wayne State College
402.375.7000 | 1111 Main Street | Wayne NE 68787

SKILLS </>

HTML5/HAML
CSS3/SaSS
JS/Coffeescript
jQuery
Ruby (on Rails)
PHP
Adobe Creative Suite:
   Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator,
   After Effects, Fireworks, Edge,
   Lightroom, Premier and SoundBooth
UI/UX and Web Design
Wireframes and Responsive Design
Joomla & Hubspot CMSs
Git and SourceTree
Network Design/Admin
Cisco Device Config/Mgmt
AutoCAD/Inventor Drafting
Journalism/Copy Writing
Editing/Composition

ACHIEVEMENTS ⚡

GRE | V: 157 Q: 160 W: 4
Composite ACT Score | 32
Distinguished Honor Grad
   C477 | US Army | 2013
Army ASVAB Score | 98
Published Poems & Art Work
   Judas Goat & Nebby 07-11
WSC Student Juried Show 07-11
Art Special Abilities Scholarship 09-11
Dean's List | WSC 06-11
Sigma Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Mu
Alpha Lambda Delta

ARTIST COMMUNITY 🖋

Design Internship | Wayne Herald
2010 Art Expo Veterans Fundraiser | Wayne
Wayne Lions 2010 Peace Poster Contest

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PROFESSIONAL </>

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ARMED FORCES ⚡

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PERSONAL 🪶

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