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Profile

I'm a Kiwi Web Developer with strong skills in all aspects of building and maintaining modern web applications. With over a decade of experience in the web industry, I've worked with several digital agencies and global clients in Auckland, Wellington and Bonn, Germany.

I specialize in building rich, cross-platform and cross-browser user experiences with many front-end technologies like HTML5, CSS3 and Javascript and jQuery. These skills are complimented with a solid background in pHp & mySQL, engineer-level knowledge of open-source CMS platforms Wordpress and Drupal, and an expanding knowledge of Swift, AngularJS, React, Backbone, Ember and many other libraries and frameworks.

Super-fast at prototyping and capable of incredible concentration in programming, I love problem-solving, delving into impossible tasks, and providing excellent solutions to the myriad of obstacles regularly presented in the web industry.

I stand out amongst other developers due to my social nature and ease of dealing professionally and personally with people of varying cultures and customs. I also have a very keen eye for UX and strong skills in editing and copywriting.

My favourite things to do outside of work are playing guitar, cooking, fishing, swimming, hiking, gardening and the occasional gaming. I also speak German and love travelling.

Education

2005 – 2006

Natcoll (Auckland, New Zealand)
Diploma in Web Development

1992 – 1996

Howick College (Auckland, New Zealand)
English, Computer Studies, Drama, Music, Japanese

Employment History

2016 - Present

Senior Developer - DNA (Auckland, NZ) www.dna.co.nz

Working with a team of senior designers and developers mostly with Silvestripe CMS.

Tech stack: PHP, HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, SASS, Pure.css, Gulp and much more.

Latest work: www.greatjourneysofnz.co.nz, www.immigration.govt.nz

2016

Lead Developer - Spitfire: The Digital Agency (Auckland, NZ) www.spitfire.co.nz

Managing contract developers and working across many different projects and platforms:

Concrete5, PHP, HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, SASS, Git, Grunt, Capistrano, AWS.

Sites built: oysterbaywines.com, roche.co.nz, cancerinfo.co.nz, roche-plus.co.nz

2014 – 2015

Senior Freelance Developer (Auckland, NZ) www.graemethornber.com

Working with a variety of different technology stacks for mostly digital agencies including:

[Colenso BBDO](#), [RAPP \(DDB\)](#), [Image Center Group](#), [iDesignMedia](#), [Insight Creative](#), [J. Walter Thompson](#), [Satellite Media](#), [Touchcast](#).

2011 – 2013

Senior PHP Developer - Scopevisio AG (Bonn, Germany) - www.scopevisio.com

At Scopevisio I built and maintained the company's website in Drupal using Web Services with REST, SOAP, JSON and XML while also gaining an advanced knowledge of SEO.

2010 – 2011

Lead Developer / Project Manager - +The Church+ (Wellington, NZ) - www.thechurch.co.nz

Building custom Wordpress themes and plugins for local and international clients, I took sole ownership of many projects - from initial scoping and architecture to building, deploying and maintaining bespoke content-management driven web applications.

2008 – 2010

Front End Developer - Solutionists (Auckland, NZ) - www.solutionists.co.nz

During my time at Solutionists I worked on over 100 projects: from building table-based HTML4 email templates to brochure campaigns and full corporate E-Commerce solutions.

2007 – 2008

Freelance Developer (Auckland, NZ) - www.graemethornber.com

After completing my Diploma in 2006 I made the transition from hospitality to the web industry contracting for clients in Auckland including [Zest Media](#) and [Brown Paper Bag](#).

1997 – 2006

Waiter, Bartender, Restaurant Supervisor, Event Manager (Auckland & London)

Various bars & restaurants in Auckland including [Horse & Trap](#), Kermadec, [Kings Arms](#), Portofino. Also in London: [The Feathers \(Westminster\)](#) and [The Jolly Gardeners \(Putney\)](#).

Technical Skills

- HTML5 & Templating Engines: Bootstrap 3, Foundation, Twig, JADE, Mustache
- CSS3: Responsive & cross browser with SASS, LESS, Stylus, Compass, Pure.css
- Native Javascript with jQuery, AJAX, JSON, Angular, React, Backbone, Ember
- PHP : LAMP, OOP, Web Services, APIs, SOAP, REST, cURL, FPDF
- Databases: MySQL, XML, noSQL, Firebase, MongoDB, Mongoose, Sequel Pro
- CMS development in Wordpress, Silverstripe, Drupal, Concrete5, Joomla, Bolt
- MVC Frameworks: Symfony, Laravel, Zend, CodeIgniter, CakePHP
- Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Fireworks, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Flash
- Source control and team tools: Git, Slack, JIRA, Bitbucket, Beanstalk, Basecamp
- EDM: E-mail templates with Campaign Monitor, MailChimp, Litmus, Mandrill
- E-Commerce setup and management with Magento, Shopify, WooCommerce
- Server administration: Apache, MAMP, XAMPP, SSH, Linux, Plesk, cPanel
- Node.js, Express, NPM, Composer, Capistrano, Beam, Grunt, Gulp, Bundle, Bower
- APIs, CDNs, Cloud Services, AWS, Rackspace, Social integration, FB, YouTube etc
- SEO & Marketing: Google Search Console / Webmaster Tools / Analytics / Adwords
- IDEs: Atom, Sublime Text, Eclipse, NetBeans, Notepad++, Visual Studio, Instapage
- Basic knowledge of Swift, Java, Ruby, C, C#, ASP.NET and Flash Actionscript

Other skills:

- Mastery of English with excellent formal and creative writing skills
- Typing speed of over 80 words per minute
- Over 20 years experience playing guitar and other instruments
- Can speak German and read / write Japanese
- Wit, personality and an appropriate sense of humour

Examples of my work can be found on my website at:

www.graemethornber.com