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Summary

Web Developer and App Engineer with 12 solid years experience building and maintaining web applications in Auckland, Wellington and Germany.

I've worked with some of NZ's top digital and design agencies on many projects and campaigns with local and global clients.

My strongest skills are on the front end, with an advanced knowledge of open source CMS frameworks. I also play the guitar and am involved in a local theatre group in Whitianga.

Employment History

Senior Freelance Developer
Satellite Media (2018)

I stepped in at the end of 2018 to assist one of Auckland's top brand activation agencies to get a few projects and campaigns over the line before the end of the year, dealing mainly with Javascript, jQuery, Twig, Sass, LESS, Litmus, Campaign Monitor and Sulu CMS.

Full-Stack Developer
DNA Design (2017 - 2018)

Delivering solutions with a senior agile team and creating new features for some of New Zealand's largest public sector clients with Silverstripe CMS. I mainly worked remotely, in constant communication with the team on Slack, Jira, Skype etc as well as physically meeting regularly for project briefings, workshops and events like Codemania and Stripecon.

Lead Developer
Spitfire (2016)

Leading a small team of varying contract developers and designers I directed the development cycle of several projects from initial phases to completion, collaborating closely with clients as well as advising the management team on SEO, web standards and social media marketing.

Freelance Web Developer
Thornberrypie.com (2014 - 2015)

After living in Europe I spent some time as a contractor in Auckland gathering more varied skills and honing existing ones while assisting digital agencies to produce solid results in various campaigns and ventures.

Web Entwickler
Scopevisio (2011 - 2013)

In Bonn, Germany I assisted a successful accounting software company with their digital presence, converting their massive website from an old Java CMS to Drupal, and well as crafting HTML emails for Deutsche Telekom campaigns and working with the senior management team to construct a Cloud Services company website.

Lead Developer
The Church (2010 - 2011)

Stepping in to relieve one of the founders and lead the direction of digital development, I collaborated closely with some amazing designers to produce outstanding websites and help sustain the reputation of The Church which still remains today.

Front-End Developer
Solutionists (2008 - 2010)

Under the excellent mentoring of the company founders I fine-tuned the process of converting complex designs into dynamic websites, and over dozens of projects perfected the art of PSD to HTML while crafting CSS and jQuery for all browsers including IE6.

Freelancer
Thornberrypie.com (2007 - 2008)

After gaining a Web Development Diploma in 2006 and some valuable freelancing experience I quickly picked up the tricks of the trade and made the transition from my previous career in hospitality as a waiter, bartender and events coordinator.

Education

2005 – 2006   Natcoll (Auckland, New Zealand)
Diploma in Web Development

1992 – 1996   Howick College (Auckland, New Zealand)
English, Computer Studies, Drama, Music, Japanese

Technical Skills

Expert:
- HTML5 with a focus on usability, SEO and accessibility best practices
- CSS3: SASS, LESS, Flexbox, CSS Grid, Pure.css, Bootstrap, Foundation
- Javascript: especially jQuery with a variety of libraries, APIs and SDKs
- PHP: OOP with MVC frameworks Laravel, Symfony, CodeIgniter, Zend, CakePHP
- CMS: Silverstripe, Wordpress, Drupal, Concrete5, Sulu, Joomla, Bolt, Typo3
- HTML templating engines: Mustache, Handlebars, Underscore, Twig, Liquid
- HTML4 Email template creation, delivery with Campaign Monitor & MailChimp
- Git management and Agile team workflow: Jira, Slack, SCRUM, Kanban, Trello
- Communication: written & spoken, formal & creative, face-to-face & remote

Advanced:
- Modern Javascript: ES6, Node.js, Express, React, JSX, AngularJS
- Server administration with Apache & Linux (LAMP), Nginx, .htaccess
- MySQL, data management, NoSQL, MongoDB, Firebase, JSON, XML
- APIs & web services: REST, SOAP, Google Maps API, AWS, Rackspace
- E-commerce: Shopify, Magento, OSCommerce, Zen Cart, DPS, Paypal
- CLI tools & compilers: Composer, NPM, Gulp, Grunt, Webpack, Yarn, Babel
- Design tools: Photoshop, Sketch, InVision, InDesign, Illustrator, Fireworks

Intermediate:
- Other Javascript: Angular, Typescript, Vue.js, Redux, MobX
- Mobile apps: React Native, Xcode, Swift, Java, Android Studio, Cordova
- Testing tools: JSHint, ESLint, CSSLint, Mocha, Jasmine, Jest, Selenium
- Deployment tools: Docker, Capistrano, Codeship, Beanstalk, Beam

Currently learning / very interested in:

- React Native, NativeScript, Google Flutter, Dart

- PostGIS and geospatial data mapping, PostgreSQL

- Game development with WebGL, Canvas, Phaser, Babylon.js

Other Skills & Hobbies

- 20+ years playing guitar: acoustic, electric, bass and other instruments

- Theatre: acting, singing, stage productions, improv, playback

- Cooking: especially curries, gourmet salads and seafood chowder

- Gaming, fine motor skills, typing speed of 80+ words per minute

- Conversation German and basic Japanese language skills

Examples of my work can be found on my website at: www.thornberrypie.com