Tjobbe Andrews: front-end web developer

Introduction

I'm currently looking for contract roles from the beginning of January 2014 onwards. Please see my Skill Set below for a summary of what I can do for you.

Contact me

To contact me please visit tjob.be#contact and fill in the contact form at the bottom of the page. I do read all of my emails and would prefer to be emailed initially, as displaying my phone number on my web site leads to many phone calls.

About me

I'm a hard working front-end dev; much prefer being in a busy environment and I love nothing more than getting lost in coding marathons with my headphones on. Just as happy working on my own or in a team.

I live in Banbury, Oxfordshire which is an easy 50 minute train ride to London Marylebone. The journey allows me to catch up with blogs, twitter and do things like code my personal site and CV, which is what I'm doing right now on my morning commute.

As a qualified chef I still love cooking for friends and family when I can. I love most sports, live music and I'm teaching myself the basics of photography with my DSLR.

Why Hire Me?

As you can see from my skill set below, I have seven years commercial experience in front-end development. I'm continually learning about the myriad of new technologies that are popping up almost every day.

I'm not afraid to put in the extra hours where required and I am genuinely passionate about all things web and front-end especially.

Skill Set

Below is an honest summary of the kind of skills I have acquired over the years. This is by no means exhaustive but should give you a good idea as to my abilities.

Core Strengths at a glance: HTML5, CSS3, RWD, jQuery & Sass.

- CSS(3) - Excellent
- jQuery - Good
- JavaScript - Good
- Sass - Intermediate
- Responsive Web Design (RWD, media queries) - Intermediate
- Cross Browser Compatibility - Excellent
- Command-Line Git - Good
- Accessibility (WAI ARIA) - Good
- Web site performance - Intermediate
- Developer tools and console - Good
- Fireworks - Excellent
- Photoshop - Good
- Illustrator - Good
- Various web browsers - Excellent
- Coding practices such as Emmet & MarkDown - Intermediate
- Rails - Beginner
- CMS's; such as WordPress, Anchor, and in-house - Intermediate
- My Employment History shows which skills I have been using more recently.

Notable Achievements

I've written some well-received articles for online web design magazines and contributed to the Open Source Community and even had my designs and code used in a book.

- **@font-face article**: I wrote a detailed article about the use of web-fonts in 2011, which was shared by my peers on social media web sites and currently ranks on the first page of Google for font-face related searches.

- **Open Source Web Design**: I created a handful of free to use web site templates on some popular Open Source web sites. At the last count one of my designs was downloaded over 140,000 times.

- **My work in books:** Larry Ullman, author of several PHP related books, approached me to provide him with a template for a shopping cart example that he could use in his book in 2007. In 2012 He asked me again and I was happy to help out.

Employment History

I have been in the Industry as a front-end web developer full-time since 2006, starting at a company that made web sites for the property industry. Before this I made small web sites for family, friends and word of mouth clients from about 2002 onwards. Below is more detail of the more recent work I have undertaken.

Shelter
2013 - July to December
My role was to support the online team in delivering daily HTML emails using Adestra. As well as this I helped with front-end tasks such as creating the Gingerbread House campaign pages and many more ad-hoc pages as well as regular maintenance using Squiz Matrix.

Camelot - The National Lottery

2013 - May to July

Working as a front-end developer on their "Next Generation Internet Platform". I used tools such as IntelliJ, Git and Jira in an Agile environment.

Concise Media Group

2013 - January to April

Front-end web developer in the events industry, creating web pages which "sit" within an iPad application for big clients such as Shell, Morgan Stanley and Bank Of America; to name but a few.

Various agencies in Oxford

2012 - contract front-end web developer

I worked for two major Oxford-based design agencies, namely Incuna and RFA Advertising. Both of which created iPad apps for the pharmaceutical industry. My role was to take PhotoShop PSD's and code them into web pages using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Zepto and jQuery, which then "sit" within their iPad apps.

tawd.co.uk

2012 - self-employed as tawd.co.uk

I really enjoyed being able to manage clients and have the final say when it came to design and development and I created some web sites which I'm still proud of today. See my portfolio for some which stand out to me.

TimberWindows.com

2011 - in-house front-end web developer and designer

In my role at TimberWindows I was responsible for the redesign and build of the rather dated timberwindows.com. Initially, I was hired to redesign and develop the site in its entirety, but in December 2011 the company merged and the focus shifted, I was made redundant with the web site 95% completed in January 2012, as the company sought to unify its CMS to an ASP & .NET platform.

MiltonBayer.com - front-end web developer

2009 - 2010

In my time at this company I changed the way the company made web sites by applying my CSS, HTML and SEO skills and implementing quality control, internal standards and best practices for the design and coding of web sites and HTML email newsletters, which significantly changed the quality of the web sites this company made.

Portfolio

Here is a list of some of the better projects I worked on in my spare time or whilst self-employed. Some of which are over a year old now - I say this because most of my recent work is private, under development or subject to Non-Disclosure Agreements. So please take this as an example of my abilities twelve months ago and plus. All the design and coding is by myself.

- tawd.co.uk/clients/bobcasey.co.uk/ (site no longer live, archived for posterity)
- treepro.co.uk
- patricklennon.com
- banburyironing.co.uk
- wdars.co.uk
- masterepay.co.uk
- cotswoldbaking.co.uk