Zachary Berman

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Skills

- Ruby on Rails
- HTML/CSS
- PostgreSQL
- Heroku / AWS
- Google Apps

- Twitter Bootstrap
- Git / Github
- Photoshop
- Javascript (jQuery)
- Wordpress

Experience

Front End Developer/Content Publisher

November 2016 - Present

Finder.com

- Design and develop responsive webpages and templates using the Wordpress platform
- Help design content campaign page architecture within Finder.com's custom ecosystem
- Rapidly publish content, blog posts, and marketing materials

Remote Junior Web Developer

May 2016 - August 2016

Worked on an Agile Team to Build a Chess Game

- Worked on a remote team of 5 developers to build a Ruby on Rails chess web application
- Held accountable for following best practices such as test-driven-development & code reviews by Dave Lasley, lead developer/owner at LasLabs
 - Followed standard Agile & SCRUM methodologies (virtual stand-ups, sprint planning, etc.)
 - Used CodeShip to run our continuous integration/deployment, and Coveralls for test coverage
 - Integrated the RuboCop gem to ensure the team conformed to the Ruby style guide
 - Used Trello as an Agile board, along with Slack to ensure efficient team communication

Freelance Web Developer

April 2014 - Present

- Create unique, responsive websites using the latest technologies and framework.
- Create/edit content for clients ensuring key points are communicated effectively
- Update/maintain as needed, along with providing instruction to clients on how to make changes independently

Freelance Writer July 2010 - Present

- Multiple published articles for Ski & Backcountry Magazines including: Features, Resort Reviews, and Skills Guides
- Act as consultant for expert knowledge, local information, trends, and best safety practices/protocols

Avalanche Instructor

November 2013 - Present

American Avalanche Institute & Gallatin NF Avalanche Center

- Teach avalanche safety workshops, Level I & II courses, and companion rescue clinics
- Create presentations, activities, and talks to break down complex topics to novice students
- Keep current/attend workshops on new teaching techniques, trends, and cutting-edge information in the snow science/avalanche safety world

Education

Web Development, Algorithm, and Data Structure Foundations - Firehose Project

June 2016 – August 2016

In an immersive 24-week program I learned how to become a self-sufficient programmer able to break down complex problems into manageable pieces. I learned how to use cutting-edge technologies & frameworks, while keeping in mind best practices so that my code is easily maintainable

- Learned how to build-out basic CRUD Rails-apps following standard Rails conventions (without scaffolding), involving mailers, validations, image/video uploading on AWS S3, and nested RESTful routes
- Implemented Rspec for both unit and functional tests
- Worked through traditional computer science algorithms and data structures challenges

University of Colorado at Boulder

August 2005 - May 2008

B.A. in Communications – Emphasis on technology, marketing, and interpersonal communication