

# Samuel “Ryan” Hitt

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Motivated and adaptable Web Design & Development student with over 15 years of professional leadership experience and a strong background in creative problem-solving. Skilled in building responsive, accessible websites using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, with hands-on experience in WordPress development, UX design, and collaborative client-focused projects. Brings real-world communication skills, team leadership, and a commitment to thoughtful, user-centered design.

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## SKILLS

### Languages & Tools:

HTML, CSS, JavaScript (beginner), GitHub, WordPress, Elementor, Divi, Figma, Canva, Google Sheets (formulas & data skills), UI/UX Design, Wireframing, Responsive Design

### Soft Skills:

Leadership, Client Communication, Team Collaboration, Multitasking, Problem-Solving, Adaptability, Time Management, Project Coordination, Professionalism, Creative Thinking

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## EDUCATION

### University of Arkansas at Little Rock — B.A., Web Design & Development (IT Minor)

*August 2023 – Present, Little Rock*

Developing strong front-end design, UX/UI foundations, storytelling, and technical problem-solving across coding, data, and design-focused courses.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Odyssey Designs — Web Development Team

#### Arkansas Space Grant Consortium Website Redesign

Team Project | August 2024 – December 2024

- Collaborated with a four-person development team to redesign the ASGC WordPress website.
- Conducted site analysis to identify content gaps, navigation issues, and accessibility concerns.
- Assisted with layout decisions, wireframes, theme setup, and content restructuring.
- Worked directly with the client to gather requirements and present prototypes.
- Helped maintain visual consistency, improve usability, and streamline the website's overall experience.

## **Buffalo Base Camp — Web Development Team**

### **Outdoor Adventure Branding & Website Proposal**

Team Project | April 2025

- Contributed to branding, page structure, and visual direction for a new outdoor tourism company.
- Developed homepage concept, hero sections, and design system recommendations.
- Worked closely with teammates to align creative decisions with user needs and client goals.

## **SOMA Public Theater — Website Prototype**

Course Project | 2025

- Designed a six-page non-profit theater website using WordPress/Divi.
- Created mission statement, content structure, visual hierarchy, staff layout, and donation tiers.
- Built a clean, accessible layout focused on clarity, community engagement, and ease of use.

## **Personal Projects**

### **IT Portfolio Sites, Microsites & Interactive Media**

2023–Present

- Built multiple small websites including a Cossatot River State Park microsite, a WordPress portfolio homepage, and a custom HTML/CSS portfolio project.
- Created an interactive memoir using Twine with branching logic, imagery, and narrative flow.
- Designed a memoir book jacket, band show poster, a Fender Precision Bass zine, and various digital graphics demonstrating strong visual storytelling skills.

## **Boulevard Bread Company — Front-of-House Manager**

Little Rock | 2009–Present

- Lead, train, and manage staff in a fast-paced environment with high customer volume.
- Balance scheduling, communication, problem-solving, and quality control daily.
- Strengthen workplace culture through consistent leadership, professionalism, and reliability.
- Developed strong interpersonal, organizational, and client-facing skills that translate directly into collaborative design and development work.

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## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- Dean's and Chancellor's list.
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