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Objective: To earn a front-end development position with a team that will challenge me to learn new languages, develop new techniques and find the most efficient solutions to complex problems.

Skills: Javascript (jQuery, Ext/Sencha, Canvas API) & AJAX applications, PHP, MySQL, Compass/SASS, Closure Compiler, Cross-Browser HTML & CSS, Wordpress, API Love (Facebook, Youtube, Vimeo, Google Maps...)

Software: Adobe CS (Fireworks, Photoshop, Illustrator), Apple Final Cut Studio (Final Cut Pro, Color, Compressor, Motion)

Spoken Languages: English, Advanced French, Toddler-level Mandarin

Education: University of Tulsa, B.A. 2007 in Arts Management, Minors in Economics & Business Administration. Attended on a full-ride National Merit Scholarship. Graduated Magna Cum Laude (4.0 GPA in Major's coursework, 3.8 overall)

Recent Projects:

Turn Tulsa Pink Mobile: <http://www.gopinkmobile.com>

- Built w/ Sencha Touch, Google Maps & Flickr APIs, utilizing Sencha I/O's awesome image service

- Cut Sencha Touch's JS and CSS libraries to half normal minified size (jsBuilder & Compass, Closure Compiler for the application code)

- Custom Canvas browser for the Flickr gallery to give almost native feel (see dev site: <http://gurustudev.com/~ben/ttsubwaytiles> for fully utilised version)

Mayfest Mobile Map: <http://www.mayfestmobile.com>

- Built w/ Sencha Touch & HTML5 Canvas

- Optimized with asynchronous script loading and multiple img subdomains to get past browser HTTP request limits

- Map works interactively with Events & Artist Directory

Emergency Infant Services: <http://emergencyinfantservices.org>

- Solid, fast, & efficient custom Wordpress theme.

- Optimizations: Async Script Loading; CSS3 PIE for IE CSS3 support; Image Sprites

Granny's Good Ol' Fashion Bacon Drippings: <http://twinfoods.com>

- Another fast & stable custom Wordpress theme, written for Twin Foods, Inc.

- A product name that should make you smile.

Employment History:

Jan. 2011 - Present: Sr. Web Developer, Gurustu Group, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Aug. 2010 - Nov. 2010: Sales Associate, Anthropologie, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sept. 2009 - June 2010: Account Manager & Personal Assistant, Intersect Marketing Group, San Francisco, California

Oct. 2008 - June 2009: English Teacher, French Ministry of Education, Amiens, France

June 2007 - June 2008: English Language Instructor, Kojen English Language Schools, Taipei, Taiwan

Jan. 2006 - May 2006: Intern Administrator, Diorama Arts, London, UK

Oct. 2003 - Dec. 2005: Production Glassblower & Assistant, Tulsa Gathering Place (Glassblowing Studio), Tulsa, Oklahoma