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## SUMMARY

I am a Senior PHP developer with over 15 years of experience, including exposure to AngularJS, MongoDB, Jenkins, and many other web technologies.

I am an active proponent of PHP – I love how the community and available tools like Composer are pushing the language forward. My personal development projects include a Laravel/Composer package, an open-source song application, a social networking site for musicians and a SaaS application.

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Currently working on: TDD (Test Driven Development), DDD (Domain Driven Development)
- Proficient in: PHP5/OOP/MVC, MySQL, XHTML/HTML5, CSS(3), JavaScript, JSON, XML/RSS, MongoDB
- PHP Frameworks: Laravel, CodeIgniter, CakePHP & Expression Engine
- Testing: PHP Unit, Codeception, Jenkins, Travis CI, Code Climate
- Front-end frameworks/technologies: JQuery, AngularJS, Bootstrap, LESS, Grunt, Bower
- Versioning: Git, Mercurial, BitBucket, GitHub
- APIs: PayPal, Stripe, Authorize.net, eBay, eProcessingNetwork, and can easily use other APIs for additional development
- Cloud: Rackspace Open Cloud (files, servers, load balancers, and API), Digital Ocean
- Experienced with managing Social Media and with the Facebook and Twitter API's
- E-Commerce and custom CMS applications
- Google Analytics (and API) & Google Webmaster Tools
- E-mail Marketing: HTML/CSS and services like Campaign Monitor and Mailchimp
- Mobile Development: jQuery Mobile, Sencha Touch
- Project management: Agile (Scrum) with Jira, Basecamp

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## EXPERIENCE

### Unicon (remote/telecommute contract)

November 2013-December 2014

Contract with Unicon as a PHP Developer to handle a number of client projects

#### *Languages/Technologies Used:*

- PHP5/OOP/MVC, Laravel, MySQL, XHTML/HTML5, CSS(3), JavaScript/AJAX/jQuery, JSON, AngularJS

#### *Responsibilities:*

- Content Authoring: This project was to create a content authoring tool for two current learning applications. The applications consisted of two different platforms with multiple databases. The content authoring tool was built for the content administrators to easily add, edit, and delete content from the customer facing apps. My responsibility was to create a unified RESTful API using PHP (Laravel Framework) and MySQL. I interfaced with the frontend (AngularJS) developers to come up with the API calls that were needed and the data that was to be returned. During the process of building the API I also incorporated a full test suite.
- Mobile Refactor: Related to the "Content Authoring" project, this project includes taking the 2 frontend platforms mentioned above and convert them to responsive (mobile, tablet, and desktop) applications using AngularJS, Bootstrap, Less, and Grunt. I, along with 2 other AngularJS developers, was tasked with creating the specs of the application and breaking up the work into Angular modules and custom directives. Once each developer has completed their task they send Pull Requests (PR's) to the other developers for review. As well as working with the AngularJS framework and the other front-end tools, I'm also responsible for any changes needed to the current API using PHP, MySQL, and JSON.

## **Bi-Lo/Winn-Dixie Grocery Stores (remote/telecommute contract)**

April 2012-August 2014

Contract with Bi-Lo as a Sr. PHP & Front-end Developer to handle their customer facing website, mobile website, and internal applications.

### *Languages/Technologies Used:*

- PHP5/OOP/MVC, Expression Engine, MySQL, XHTML/HTML5, CSS(3), JavaScript/AJAX/jQuery, JSON, XML/RSS, Sencha Touch

### *Responsibilities:*

- Managed junior level teammates
- Interfaced with Java and Database developers in order to get data to the front-end of the customer facing sites via REST and web service calls
- Website maintenance tasks that include, but not limited to: adding new pages to the site, editing content, editing images, fixing bugs that get reported by customer support team
- Making additions and adjustments to the mobile site with the Sencha Touch framework
- Converted Photoshop files to HTML/CSS pages, then converted to Expression Engine templates and/or mobile templates
- Tested cross browser compatibility and usability.

## **Modo Media Group**

2000-2013

I initially started taking freelance and contract clients in 2000. Around 2005 I incorporated as "Syracuse Computer Services", then in mid-2010 I re-named and re-incorporated as "Modo Media Group". I was the sole owner of these companies and managed up to 10 people at one time, along with doing the majority of the front-end and back-end development on client projects. The company site and portfolio is still available at [www.modomediagroup.com](http://www.modomediagroup.com).

### *Languages/Technologies Used:*

- PHP5/OOP/MVC, MySQL, XHTML/HTML5, CSS(3), JavaScript/AJAX/jQuery/jQuery Mobile, JSON, XML/RSS

### *Responsibilities:*

- Marketing, writing proposals/contracts, client management
- Project management with clients and any sub-contractors needed. Projects usually consisted of a team of 3-6 people.
- Converted Photoshop files to HTML/CSS pages
- Developed PHP/MySQL CMS's, e-commerce, and social networking sites using the Codeigniter and Laravel frameworks
- Tested cross browser compatibility and usability.

## **IMA Interactive**

2007-2012

I was contracted by "IMA Interactive" as a PHP & Front-end Developer to handle all of their client projects. IMA is an interactive media company specializing in online video, branding, and social media.

### *Languages/Technologies Used:*

- PHP5/OOP/MVC, MySQL, XHTML/HTML5, CSS(3), JavaScript/AJAX/jQuery/jQuery Mobile, JSON, XML/RSS

### *Responsibilities:*

- Converted Photoshop files to HTML/CSS pages
- Once completed with the HTML/CSS files, if a MySQL database and PHP programming was needed I would do the development of these elements
- Once the project was completed I would test the entire site for cross browser compatibility and also usability. After the project was presented to the end client, I would continue with different maintenance and feature requests
- E-mail Marketing – I take the designers' Photoshop files and code the HTML newsletter to make sure it was compatible with online (like Gmail and Yahoo), and local (like Outlook and Thunderbird) e-mail clients. Once the e-mail template is completed I will prepare it within the e-mail system of the clients choosing (Campaign Monitor, MailChimp, Constant Contact, etc)
- Social Media - I take the designers' Photoshop files and code the HTML/CSS/AJAX/PHP Facebook application and integrate it into the end client's Facebook page. Campaigns might be as simple as a "like" us to see a coupon code, a survey, a contest,

or other interactive forms. All forms are saved to a database and emailed to the client for reference

### **Websites for Jewelers/Cool Bananas**

2006-2011

Contracted as the only front-end developer and back-end developer.

#### *Languages/Technologies Used:*

- PHP5/OOP/MVC/Codeigniter, MySQL, XHTML/HTML5, CSS(3), JavaScript/AJAX/jQuery/jQuery Mobile, JSON, XML/RSS

#### *Responsibilities:*

- Converted Photoshop files to HTML/CSS pages
- Once completed with the HTML/CSS files, if a MySQL database and PHP programming was needed I would do the development of these elements.
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### **Harrison Industrial Supply**

2005-2007

#### *Systems & IT Manager*

- Managed local & remote networks (Syracuse & Rochester)
- Designed and implemented new server/network environment with 2 servers (terminal and SQL), 20+ local workstations, 5+ remote workstations, multiple printers and other devices
- Created custom queries and reports from SQL database
- Created custom VB.NET and Macro programs in order to save time on tasks
- Designed and maintained company website and handled incoming inquiries

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### **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Laravel Messenger (2014) - <https://github.com/cmgyr/laravel-messenger> - Laravel/Composer package that easily adds a full user messaging system into an application. Commonly used as a private message system within a member-only site. Full test suite written in PHPUnit.
- Song Suggest (2014) - <https://github.com/cmgyr/song-suggest> - This application was built on Laravel and incorporates services like Mandrill for sending email, IronIO for worker queues, and a full test suite using Codeception.
- [www.vosssigns.com](http://www.vosssigns.com) (2013) – fully responsive site for a local Syracuse sign company. A custom CMS allows the client to fully manage the content and products on the site. Customers are able to sign into their own accounts and place orders for either standard or custom signs by adding text and/or uploading design files.
- [www.cheetahbuilder.com](http://www.cheetahbuilder.com) (2010-present) – Time to initially complete: 250+ hours. Software as a Service (SaaS) product that I built in order to take advantage of potential clients that weren't able to pay for a fully custom site. Users are able to sign up for a package, which gets charged monthly to their credit card. Depending on the package it opens up more options in their control panel where they are able to manage their site. This is a multi-user/multi-tier CMS system. I was the sole front-end and back-end developer on this project. Built on Codeigniter.
- [www.syracusebands.net](http://www.syracusebands.net) (2005-present) – Time to complete (most recent version): 150+ hours. This is been a pet project of mine over the years. It's a social networking website for bands and fans in the Syracuse area. Users can sign up for their own profiles, add the information, images, mp3's, concert dates, and connect with other users as well as a lot more. I was the sole front-end and back-end developer on this project. Built on Codeigniter.

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Onondaga Community College**

Syracuse, NY

A.A.S., Computer Information Systems (incomplete), Concentration in Networking and Web Technology, 57 technology credits