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UI Developer/Front End Developer

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BACKGROUND: I am a UI/Front End Developer who started off his career as a web-designer, later moved into Flash Development and now a passion for various front end technologies such as HTML5, JavaScript, JavaScript frameworks. I would classify myself as a UI Developer with an eye for exceptional design and user experience. I've had previous team lead experience. I'm also very interested in learning backend technologies.

SKILLS MATRIX

- HTML - **EXPERT** - 8 years
- CSS - **EXPERT** - 8 years
- XML - **EXPERT** - 8 years
- Photoshop - **EXCELLENT** - 7 years
- JavaScript - **EXCELLENT** - 7 years
- Fluid Design/Dev - **EXCELLENT** - 2
- JavaScript Frameworks - **EXCELLENT** - 2 year
- HTML5 - **EXCELLENT** - 2 year
- JQuery - **EXCELLENT** - 4 year
- Facebook Application - **EXCELLENT** - 3 year
- PHP - **BASIC** - 1 year
- Illustrator - **PROFICIENT** - 7 years
- C# (OOP) - **PROFICIENT** - 1 year
- Android Development - **BASIC** - less than 1 year
- ASP.NET - **BASIC** - less than 1 year
- ActionScript 3.0 (OOP) - **EXPERT** - 6 years

SKILL SUMMARY

- expert knowledgeable in JavaScript
- expert in HTML, CSS, Photoshop,
- experience with fluid layouts
- well rounded in several JavaScript frameworks (Knockout.js, Sproutcore, Ember.js, RequireJS, CodeIgniter)
- experience in using and building custom JQuery plugins
- learning Android 4.0, C# and ASP.NET
- expert in handling other developer's code
- worked in agile development environment
- managed multiple tasks in a pressured environment while adhering to strict deadlines
- heavy focus on communication, organization and documentation
- very quick learner, creative and resourceful and highly motivated
- object oriented developing best practices and coding conventions
- have used Git and SVN
- familiar with code design pattern such as singletons, MVC, Factory, MVVM.
- intermediate understand of back-end technologies and PHP

NOTABLE CLIENTS

- Just Eat
- Country Deep
- Kobo
- Workopolis
- McDonald's
- Wal-Mart
- Mitsubishi
- Wayne Gretzky
- Home Depot
- Citi Credit Cards
- VIA Rail
- American Express
- Tommy Hilfiger
- RBC
- Nissan
- Infiniti
- Bell
- Timex
- Bayview Village

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jam3 CONTRACT

Senior Front End Developer | September 2013 – Current

- developed with CodeIgniter PHP framework to maintain backend and code the front end
- created custom functionality in PHP/JavaScript for automatic phase switching at certain times
- implemented styles and created custom JQuery plugins when needed
- worked with RequireJS to implement static page animations and transitions with TweenLite
- integrated Grunt.js tasks for release packages
- implemented designs and worked with proprietary internal JavaScript Framework

Great Gulf CONTRACT

UI Developer | May 2013 – September 2013

- updated and maintained front and back end of numerous company websites
- lead developer on multiple projects
- worked closely with CTO and Technical Director
- mentored and guided junior developers
- implemented methods for improving workflow, efficiency and organization

Motion Season CONTRACT

Lead UI Developer | March 2013 - May 2013

- lead developer on Revolution Movie website
- developed website with Knockout.js
- integrated CSS3 animations
- integrated parallax scrolling effect
- fully responsive website via media queries
- integrated Grunt.js tasks for release packages
- taught employees how to use GitHub

Kobo FULL-TIME

UI Developer | May 2012 – March 2013

- worked on Kobo's Instant Reader web app built on Sproutcore JavaScript framework
- responsible for front end bug fixes and implementing new features to the application as needed
- worked with design/UX team to implement responsive design for all platforms
- used GitHub
- built research prototypes for potential widgets and functionality in website redesign
- performance tested prototypes on devices
- managed site maintenance and improvements
- maintained documentation on internal wiki page
- collaborated with other teams to solve bugs or research on certain features
- collaborated with back end developers to implement full scale features to the Kobo's website

Sonic Boom Creative Media CONTRACT

Front End Developer | February 2012 – April 2012

- front end support for existing client websites
- go to person for all front end projects
- develop websites and application using HTML5, CSS, JavaScript and JQuery
- some Photoshop retouching and/or manipulation of images

St. Joseph/Pi Media CONTRACT

Front End Developer | January 2012 – February 2012

- made modifications to sections of bell.ca using HTML, CSS and JavaScript
- made modifications to a flash application for touch-screen kiosks
- integrated design and functionality changes

Capital C CONTRACT

Front End Developer | December 2011 – January 2012

- front end development for multiple Facebook apps utilizing JavaScript, JQuery, HTML, CSS and ASP.NET
- integrated multi-lingual support in Facebook environment
- built apps requiring authentication by the user via JavaScript Facebook SDK
- integrated designs into FB applications
- made modifications Infiniti and Nissan websites

Brightworks CONTRACT

Senior Flex Developer | November 2011 – November 2011

- met with clients and stakeholders
- developed financial application for RBC utilizing Yodlee framework
- prepared Yodlee package for online store release
- implemented designs and content

Blast Radius CONTRACT

Front End Developer | October 2011 – November 2011

- developed holiday catalog slider for Tommy Hilfiger using ActionScript 3.0, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
- implemented designs and client feedback
- implemented SWF Address JavaScript for deep linking
- set up review and staging environment and deployment packages for online and internal releases

Research Now FULL-TIME

Senior Front End Developer and Designer | July 2008 – September 2011

- met with clients, give quotes, designed, developed, integrated, QA and deployed
- developed global Research Now Flash framework for all custom survey tools
- met with clients for specification requirements, quotes on custom development
- responsible for design on all flash/flex applications
- lead senior flash developer on majority of flash and team lead for North American flash team
- developed custom interactive survey applications
- built AS3 library specifically for company purposes utilizing OOP
- optimized classes and components for maximum reusability
- developed flex real-time survey reporting application
- developed JavaScript code to integrate Flash tools into survey framework

Canwest/Alliance Atlantis CONTRACT

Digital Media Developer | October 2007 – June 2008

- made modifications to slice.ca and showcase.ca utilizing HTML, CSS and JavaScript
- lead flash developer on all flash and front end projects
- developed and integrated new flash components for internal use in AS3
- optimized classes for efficiency, reusability and extendibility

Dashboard CONTRACT

Digital Architect | July 2007 – September 2007

- lead flash developer on Wayne Gretzky project using HTML, CSS, and ActionScript 3.0
- took over for previous developers
- integrated back-end client driven CMS into Flash
- integrated SWF Address into flash websites for deep linking
- implemented all design concepts such as layout, animations, interactivity, and navigation

Mindblossom FULL-TIME

Intermediate Flash Developer | October 2006 – July 2007

- developed websites, games, and flash components using AS2 OOP
- developed to the strict deadlines, design and interface architecture principles
- implemented all design concepts such as animations, interactivity, and navigation into flash
- XML and audio integration

Engage Learning Systems CONTRACT

Flash Developer | October 2005 – April 2006

- project lead in numerous projects
- developed E-Learning modules using AS2 for high-profile companies
- XML and audio integration for e-learning modules
- manipulated and mixed audio files in modules to create a fully functional projects

EDUCATION

May 2001 - April 2004

Seneca College - Digital Media Arts

INTEREST/HOBBIES

stand-up comedy, playing basketball & volleyball, Game of Thrones, Spartacus, Walking Dead, Modern Family, Dexter, House, Law & Order: SVU, Hip-Hop, playing PS3, music production, love of pets and animals, fantasy basketball and hockey.