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**BACKGROUND:** I’m a Front End Developer who started off my career as a web-designer, later moved into Flash Development and now a passion for various front end technologies such as JavaScript Frameworks like Knockout.js and Angular.js. I would classify myself as a Front End 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**

* JQuery - **EXPERT** - 3 years
* Knockout.js - **EXCELLENT** - 3 years
* Angular.js - **BASIC** - 1 year
* JavaScript - **EXCELLENT** - 8 years
* Responsive Web Design - **EXPERT** - 2 years
* Grunt - **EXCELLENT** - 2 years
* Bootstrap - **EXPERT** - 2 years
* SASS/CSS3 - **EXPERT** - 3 years
* HTML5 - **EXCELLENT** - 3 years
* FB Application - **EXCELLENT** - 3 years
* PHP - **BASIC** - 1 year
* Photoshop - **EXCELLENT** - 8 years
* Illustrator - **PROFICIENT** - 7 years
* HTML - **EXPERT** - 8 years
* CSS - **EXPERT** - 8 years
* XML - **EXPERT** - 8 years
* ASP.NET - **BASIC** - 2 years
* ActionScript 3.0 (OOP) - **EXPERT** - 7 years

**SKILL SUMMARY**

* expert knowledge in JavaScript
* expert in RWD (Responsive Web Design)
* well rounded in several JavaScript frameworks (Knockout.js, Angular.js, Sproutcore, Ember.js)
* experience in using and building custom JQuery plugins
* work every day with Git and Grunt
* expert in HTML, CSS, Photoshop
* expert in handling other developer’s code
* worked in agile development environment (scrum)
* 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
* familiar with code design pattern such as singletons, MVC, Factory, MVVM.
* intermediate understand of back-end technologies

**NOTABLE CLIENTS**

* The Movie Network
* 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**

**Bell Media - The Movie Network CONTRACT**

**Senior Front End Developer |** November 2013 – February 2014

* responsible for all front end development on TMN website redesign
* collaborated with backend developer in a Symfony2 environment
* implemented backend API using Knockout parse JSON and render to front end
* created custom JQuery plugins
* responsive web-design implementation and optimization
* used TweenMax to animate elements

**Jam3 CONTRACT**

**Senior Front End Developer |** September 2013 – November 2013

* 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 TweenMax
* integrated Grunt.js tasks for release packages
* implemented designs and worked with proprietary internal JavaScript Framework

**Great Gulf CONTRACT**

**Senior Front End 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 Front End 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
* learned and used Git
* built research prototypes for potential widgets and functionality in website redesign
* built prototypes and performance tested them on various 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**

**Flash 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 Developer and Team Lead|** July 2008 – September 2011

* met with clients, gave quotes, designed, developed, integrated, QA and deployed
* developed global Research Now framework for all custom survey tools
* met with clients for specification requirements, quotes on custom development
* responsible for design on all applications
* lead senior flash developer on majority of flash and team lead for North American flash team
* developed custom interactive survey applications
* developed flex real-time survey reporting application

**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, Walking Dead, Archer, Boardwalk Empire, Vikings, Shameless, hip-hop, playing PS3 and Xbox One, music production, love of pets and animals, fantasy basketball.