# Ross Parsons

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#### **Technical Skills**

Graphics – Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash. Web and Print experience. Web Design – HTML, SASS/CSS, some PHP, Javascript, jQuery. Experienced with Wordpress platform. Experience with Responsive design and Bootstrap Grid. Proficient Git, cPanel, phpMyAdmin

Microsoft Office - Word, Excel, Powerpoint

Backoffice – Blue Utopia Integrated System (for political campaigns)

# Strengths

**Design-** Creates eye-catching print and web design for projects ranging from political and corporate web design to event promotion. Excels in color selection. Presents key information clearly and in compelling fashion.

**Writing**- BA of English with Writing Emphasis. A creative, humorous, and efficient writer of material for performance, satire, and technical software documentation.

**Communication** Experienced in phone-based software support and training. Fluent in French. Knowledgeable about social media, such as Facebook and Twitter. Performs needs-assessments with clients to achieve vision for project. Prolific comedy performer.

**Self Starter**- Self-taught HTML and CSS scripting and Adobe design software. Self-directed freelance designer

# Experience

#### Independent Design January 2009-present

- Designed websites for various groups and individuals on multiple platforms
- Integrated mobile-ready responsive design on many projects
- Coded websites from other's design direction
- Worked with highly visible properties such as Family Circus and Dennis the Menace
- Customized installations to include various functionalities including Facebook integration.
- Created striking posters, handbills, & print materials for events and services
- Worked with team on email campaigns.

#### Viacom Freelance Consultant December 2015- February 2016

- Successfully, pitched television concept
- Developed premise and presented for executives.

#### Blue Utopia- Consultant July 2010-2012

- Designed websites for political and non-profit clients
- Redesigned corporate logo and website
- Produced new mailers and business cards

- Refined website templates for self-setup clients
- Delivered support and training over the phone
- Wrote user guides and knowledge base for Blue Utopia software
- Produced video tutorials using Camtasia software
- Performed research in support of marketing campaigns

## Wishpot- Social Media Intern/Designer July- October 2009

- Promoted company via social media such as Twitter and Facebook
- Designed graphics for website and clients using Adobe Photoshop

## Tuxedodog- Customer Fulfillment Associate June-August 2008

- Created concept graphics for site revision in Adobe Photoshop
- Managed t-shirt product inventory
- Researched potential business partners

#### Stand up comedian- September 2006-present

- Performer at Bumbershoot Music & Arts Festival, Seattle, WA 2007-2011
- Featured act at Bridgetown Comedy Festival, Portland OR 2008-2011
- Finalist in American Eagle College Comedy Competition in Cancun, Mexico
- Produces and promotes popular comedy shows shows, both regular and one-off

### Education

University of Washington, Seattle BA English, Emphasis on Writing Minors in French and European Studies GPA 3.65

# Accomplishments

Dean's List Scottish Rite Scholarship 2004-2005 Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship to France