Stephen Sparling

Web Developer & Designer

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Qualifications & Skills

JavaScript   **4 years of experience**

From using JavaScript to subtly enhance the interactivity of a website to powering an entire user experience via JS, I've got an extremely solid grasp on this fundamental web technology.

React   **2 years of experience**

A technology that I absolutely love. I have quite a bit of experience creating concise and performant code using this library.

Vue   **3 years of experience**

Vue was the first 'reactive' library I used seriously. I have a great understanding of how to use it and how it works. I've even authored a Skillshare course on the basics with over 100 satisfied students.

jQuery   **1 year of experience**

Firm understanding of using this technology to create and enhance user interactivity on a web page.

Jest   **6 months of experience**

I've used this library to test various frontend behaviour in my React applications.

CSS & SCSS   **4 years of experience**

Very firm grasp of the principles of CSS & SCSS, as well as more modern trends like flexbox. I also understand and utilize BEM methodology in my code in order to keep things neat and tidy.

Bootstrap   **1 year of experience**

I use this framework to quickly create responsive designs. I also have experience using the React and Vue bootstrap implementations.

Node.js   **3 years of experience**

Most of my experience involves implementing REST APIs using the Express framework, including routing, proper use of HTTP status codes, properly formatted response data, etc.

PHP   **1 year of experience**

I understand the basics of this technology and have used it in creating from-scratch WordPress themes.

WordPress   **1 year of experience**

Solid understanding of from-scratch theme creation, custom WP PHP functions, adding plugins, and the WordPress admin view.

MongoDB   **6 months of experience**

I have used this database technology in order to store and retrieve data for various projects and have a good understanding of how a NoSQL database works.

Python   **2 years of experience**

I have never used Python in the context of web development, but I've used it to create desktop applications and have a solid command of the language itself.

Academic History

2008-2012

Alexander Mackenzie High School

High School Diploma

Academic achievements:
- Honour roll each year
- Top music student award in 2012

2013-2017

York University

Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours

Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Academic achievements:
- $2000 entrance scholarship
- Media Music Ensemble Orchestra Coordinator in 2016
- 8.0 (A) GPA across all 4 years

Professional Experience

SUMMER OF 2008, 2009 & 2010

Bourne Mills of Canada, Inc.

Warehouse Assistant

Seasonal work involving stocking shelves, taking inventory and unloading shipping containers in an efficient manner.

OCTOBER 2011

Canada's Wonderland

Actor

Seasonal work playing a vampire at the park's Halloween Haunt event. I was responsible for creating a safe and fun experience for park guests, as well as working with a team of co-workers to provide the best guest experience possible.

2012-2013   ## Zellers Inc.
Cashier & Customer Service Representative

I started off as a cashier, but was quickly promoted to the rank of customer service rep. My duties included:
- Upselling the HBC MasterCard
- Helping customers with a multitude of tasks like resolving pricing errors, locating merchandise and facilitating credit card payments
- Managing returns, refunds, and customer grievances in a calm and positive manner

2016-2018   ## Cosmo Music
Drum & Percussion Sales Specialist

Working as a sales representative within a large team of other sales associates and multiple managers. My job was to provide a great experience backed with expert knowledge of drums and percussion. I was responsible for sales of 70,000-80,000 dollars worth of merchandise every year. My duties included:
- Working within a large team of other sales associates and multiple managers
- Meeting the varied expectations of multiple people
- Data entry and formatting
- Achieving goals on a deadline

2018-PRESENT   ## Sparling Creations
Freelancer

A freelance business that provides clients with video production, audio creation and web development and design services. My duties include:
- Creating and delivering high quality products to customers by the deadline required
- Taking customer feedback into consideration and changing the product based on that
- Communicating effectively and efficiently with customers to find out their needs and how I can best serve them