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I am a developer with a passion for both ends of the stack. I pride myself in creating web applications that users find to be simple and powerful, and that future developers can easily expand. My clients will find that my work not only meets their needs in the moment, but that it can be easily changed to meet future needs; writing software along Object-oriented principles helps me achieve this goal.

I bring a focus on craftsmanship and polish to my web development, carried over from several years as a professional writer and literary agent. JavaScript and Ruby, like written English, can be elegant or they can be hacky. My code is the former.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, Ruby, SQL, CSS3, HTML5
Frameworks: Rails, RSpec, jQuery, Jasmine, SASS, SCSS, Various Responsive Grids
Key Tools: Git, GitHub, Chrome/Safari/Firefox DevTools, Relational Databases, Agile Management, Wireframing, Internet Explorer Emulators, iOS Simulator, Chrome for Android
Currently Exploring: AngularJS, MongoDB, Node.js, Express.js

DEVELOPER PORTFOLIO

In-House Web Developer

March '15 - Present

After graduating the intensive web development program at Dev Bootcamp, I now work as one of two full stack developers at a media startup in Brooklyn, NY. I can discuss this further with prospective clients.

echoThat

An extension for Google Chrome of my own devising that, by communicating with our API, allows users to post content to social media from any website without the distraction of a visit to a social media app. I led a four person team to build this over seven days. We intend to launch in the Chrome store after developing through a beta cycle. We used vanilla JavaScript in Chrome, and Rails for the remote back end API.

- [echoThat](#) in the Chrome Web Store
- [Repo](#) for the API, which holds our database and back end
- [Repo](#) for the Chrome Extension

Project Raleigh

The prototype for a “win your own adventure” novella platform. Built in Ruby with the Sinatra DSL.

- [Repo](#) for the project (with placeholder story text and game)
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PRIOR CAREER

The David Black Literary Agency | Jan '10 - Nov '14

Literary agent of foreign and audiobook rights

- Negotiated deal terms, vetted and processed contracts
- Managed foreign royalty and contracts database (MS Access)
- Sold audio and foreign rights directly (in person, on the phone, and via email) to various publishers
- Accounted for foreign payments and oversaw authors' filings for exemption from foreign taxation

Book Development | May '08 - Dec '13

Ghostwriter of design book; see a review at [Decorology](#)

- *Frank Fontana's Dirty Little Secrets of Design* by Frank Fontana (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2010)

Contracted editor, researcher and content developer for the below trade-published titles

- *Winning the Story Wars* by Jonah Sachs (Harvard Business Press, 2012)
- *The Startup Playbook* by David S. Kidder (Chronicle Books, 2013)
- *Reversing the Slide: A Strategic Guide to Turnarounds and Corporate Renewal* by James B. Shein (Jossey-Bass,

2011)

- *The Brazilian Kitchen: 100 Classic and Creative Recipes for the Home Cook* by Leticia Moreinos Schwartz (Kyle Books, 2010)
- *The Intellectual Devotional Health: Revive Your Mind, Complete Your Education, and Digest a Daily Dose of Wellness Wisdom* by David S. Kidder, Noah D. Oppenheim, Bruce K. Young MD (Rodale, 2009)

Agent's Assistant | May '08 - Jan '10

Edited scores of books and proposals as the assistant to Joy Tutela, of the David Black Literary Agency

Freelance Writing | Feb '10 - Present

Licensed original works to various publications

- Short fiction, licensed to various publications and podcasts, available on request
- March '12; *HyperInk*; wrote an ebook digest of *Predictably Irrational* by Dan Ariely, concerning economics
- Jan '12; *The Escapist*, ["Will Grind for Grades"](#)
- Feb '10; *The Huffington Post*, ["Ask Andrew WK Anything."](#) and ["Idiotarod 2010: Not for the Weak"](#)

Seaboard Solar, LLC | Feb '11 - Oct '12

Sales and marketing associate at solar energy firm

- Wrote all copy for solar company's website
- Managed Google AdWords Campaign
- Sold our product both via cold call and in person

Earlier Work

The Review of Reviews | Sept '09 – Feb '10; Senior thesis; a criticism of writing in mainstream book and film criticism

PhD Dissertation Research | Nov '07 – May '08; Researcher for an instructor's PhD thesis about sports journalism

30elm.com | June '07 – Feb '08; Editor for home design social network

The Western Magazine | Nov '07 – April '08; Founding editor of student magazine

WNYU News | Oct '06 – June '07; Wrote and delivered regular newscasts on campus radio station

Advanced Fuel Research, Inc. | June '04 – Sept '04; Researched and wrote abstracts of energy conversion technologies

EDUCATION

Dev Bootcamp, New York City

New York University, class of Dec 2009

- Graduated a semester early with Presidential Honors, majored in English Literature
- Studied in Buenos Aires during Spring Semester, 2009

OTHER AVOCATIONS

Regular volunteer at annual PEN World Voices Festival since 2008

PEN America Member

Avid tennis player

Above all, a voracious reader