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I am a developer with a passion for both ends of the stack. I graduated the web development program at Dev Bootcamp, where I trained intensively in JavaScript, Ruby, and the theory and practice of MVC Architecture with Object-oriented principles. At the end of my time at DBC, I led a team of four in our capstone project; this taught me to execute within an agile development cycle where all final decisions lay with me.

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. I help my team members achieve the same.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, Ruby, SQL, CSS3, HTML5
Frameworks: Rails, RSpec, jQuery, Jasmine, SASS, SCSS, Google Chrome Extension Framework
Key Tools: Git, GitHub, Chrome DevTools, Relational Databases, Agile Dev, Swimlanes, Wireframing, Debugging
Currently Learning: AngularJS, MongoDB, Node.js, Express.js

DEVELOPER PORTFOLIO

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.

- Repo for the API, which holds our database and back end: https://github.com/echoThat/echo_that_api
- Repo for the Chrome Extension: https://github.com/echoThat/echo_that_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): https://github.com/lukert33/project_raleigh
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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 and snowboarder

Above all, a voracious reader