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Professional Profile

I am an enthusiastic and pro-active Web Developer and Solutions Architect who creates easy to use websites without compromising functionality. I strive to develop application design in an agile way by quickly integrating feedback of end users and clients to the product.

With over 9 years of experience designing, and developing websites and web applications, I have garnered an excellent understanding of how technology can be used to align businesses and customers alike.

In short, with love for clean and usable interfaces in the front end and powerful and interactive backend interfaces in my web applications, I continue to make the web a better place.

Objective

Seeking new and challenging opportunities which optimally utilize my skills and experience, preferably in an environment poised towards personal and professional growth.

Experience

Gravixar, Dubai, UAE / Abbottabad, Pakistan– March 01, 2013 to date

I work as tech lead and partner/ co-founder. I manage client expectations in areas where business meets technology. It's been a fun ride. I have worked with my business partners for over a year now and it has been a great experience.

In this duration, I have worked on the following key tasks:

- Worked as a business analyst to gather all requirements and translate them to tech documents.

- Prepared contracts to complete the projects effectively and making sure both parties agree on all-important items and everything is communicated before the project starts.

- Collaborated with graphic/ logo designers to translate clients' vision into visuals.

- Built websites with responsive designs for the optimal viewing experience—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—across a wide range of devices (from mobile phones and tablets to desktop computer monitors).

- Developed Back-ends with a number of proprietary and open source technologies and brought in outsourced resources to get the job done when needed.

- Shipped solutions that clients actually love and can use to increase their sales.

- Created training manuals and multimedia material for the clients and partners to teach them different software I developed.

- Setup dedicated Linux servers with fast response times and custom developed solutions to meet the ever-changing needs of clients.

Technical Adviser/ Trainer, Global & Remote - December 2007 to date

- I have been external adviser for the students from various universities in Pakistan, Oman and Malaysia. The tasks have always been similar in nature i.e.

- Trained students during their final year projects to develop software with agile methodologies.

- Helped them setup development environments for local and remote servers.

- Helped them setup remote production servers.

- Trained them to use version control systems to keep track of development.

- Introduced them to bug tracking.

- Taught HTML, PHP, CSS, Wordpress and many other open source technologies to them.

TravelerVIP, Dubai, UAE - April 08, 2013 to June 30, 2013

- Worked with an existing app developed partially in Magento and smarty app communicating with Expedia API

- Wrote the translation API for Magento's to be applied to the external smarty app's templates

- Setup and deployed the version control system i.e., GIT for having a central repository for a distributed team environment. This has ensured almost no conflicts in the code deployed by different developers.

- Wrote an API for extending Magento's API with travel scores from an external script.

- Trained company employees to use GIT version control which expedites the development process and puts a bug management system in place.

R&D, Knowledge Oasis Muscat, Oman - June 01, 2010 to April 08, 2013

- Backend Development in PHP, specifically CodeIgniter, ExpressionEngine and Wordpress (Multisite)

- Frontend development in XHTML, HTML5, CSS2, CSS3, custom JavaScript, jQuery, Mootools and Scriptaculous

- Wordpress plugin development

- Wordpress Security

- Wordpress Bulk import system specific to a custom CMS functionality

- Version control setup and setup of auto/ manual deployment.

- 360 photography for www.rd360.com

- Custom module development in jQuery and integration with Wordpress plugins

- Multilingual website development.

Universal Coders - July 22, 2009 to date

- Backend Development in PHP, specifically Drupal modules and WordPress plugins

- Frontend development in XHTML, CSS2, jQuery and WordPress Themes

Views Flow - January 2009 to July 22, 2009

- Backend Development in Pligg, Drupal, Drigg and

- Frontend development in XHTML, CSS2, Drupal theming

- Laid out the core for the site which later became http://peerindex.com/

Packt Publishing (www.packtpub.com) - July 28, 2008 till January 2009

- Tech writing for the book 'PHP Team Development', focused on agile team development methodologies using version control and MVC architecture.

- Development in frameworks i.e. CodeIgniter, CakePHP and Symphony

Altair Technologies (www.altairventures.com) - October 2007 till December 2009

- Backend Development in Pligg, Drupal, Drigg, CodeIgniter & Zend Framework

- Frontend development in XHTML, CSS2

- Frontend development i.e. Drupal templating, Wordpress theming and CodeIgniter Views Integration with Models and Controllers.

- jQuery implementation throughout a major portal and integration with xml APIs and jQuery/ Scriptaculous for front end views in CodeIgniter

- Trained internees to use PHP and other open source software.

- Managed a small team of developers and testers.

Freelance - February 1, 2005 till Mid 2009

- Web backend development in ASP classic, PHP and ASP.Net

- Database development in Access, MySQL, SQL Server, Oracle

- Front-end development with CSS, XHTML and JavaScript and its frameworks

- CodeIgniter development

- Wordpress plugin development.

- Wordpress theme design

- Wordpress theme development

- Drupal module development

Academics

Bachelors in Computer Engineering (Completed Spring 2007)

COMSATS Institute of Information technology, Abbottabad, Pakistan

Intermediate - Pre- Engineering (Completed 2002)

Pakistan International public School & college Abbottabad, Pakistan

Technical Expertise

Programming Languages

- PHP
- ASP classic
- C++
- Matlab
- JavaScript (jQuery, Scriptaculous, Mootools, Custom)
- HTML 4.0, XHTML, HTML5
- CSS / CSS3
- JSP (Java Server Pages)
- XML
- VBS
- ActionScripting
- Python (Beginner Level)

CMS, theme engines and frameworks

- WordPress
- Drupal
- Joomla
- Smarty
- Pligg
- Thesis for Wordpress

CSS frameworks

- 960 Grid System
- Fluid 960 Grid System
- jQuery UI
- Foundation (3 & 4)
- Twitter Bootstrap
- Yaml (Yet Another Multicolumn Layout)
- Yahoo YUI Grids CSS

Cloud Computing

- Amazon EC2, Cloudfront and others
- Rackspace Limelight and others

PHP frameworks

- CodeIgniter
- Zend Framework
- CakePHP

Ecommerce CMS/ frameworks

- Woocommerce
- Magento

Operating Systems

- LINUX (CentOS 5, Fedora Core 9 & Ubuntu)
- Windows XP, Window VISTA and Windows 7
- Mac OSX Server
- Mac OSX till the latest

Version Control Systems & Related clients

- SVN, GIT, VSS
- Tortoise SVN, Tortoise GIT, WinCVS
- Versions, SmartSVN (On Mac)
- Rabbit CVS (on Linux)

Databases

- MySQL
- SQL Server
- SQLite - (Stanford certified)
- HTML5 offline storage

Tools

- Dreamweaver MX to Dreamweaver CS6
- phpMyAdmin
- Webmin
- Putty for SSH
- Cpanel
- Filezilla

Other Skills

- Self-starter and motivated team player
- Strong communication and negotiation skills
- Innovation and creativity
- Strong research and analytical skills

- Team leadership
- Excellent written, verbal and presentation skills
- Content and project management abilities
- Ability to train people with new skills