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Professional Experience

Senior UI Developer

June 2015 - Ongoing: Workopolis, Toronto ON

Workopolis offers online career solutions that connect employers and candidates across Canada.

Responsibilities:

- Workopolis is undergoing a complete overhaul of their website, both in terms of a redesign and complete rewrite of the technology stack. I am architecting their new bilingual responsive UI stack, built in Python, Flask, HTML5, Sass, JSON APIs and advanced JavaScript.
- Building the application as a lightweight but very flexible and configurable Whitelabel, using self-contained and reusable Jinja2 & Hogan.js templates and components.
- Write Gulp.js build tasks for JS file bundling, Sass compilation, static file versioning etc.
- Maintain high code standards via peer-reviews, focus on performance and write unit tests.
- Organize and lead frontend discussions with developers (same as at Shaw Media, below).

Web Developer

September 2014 - June 2015: Shaw Media, Toronto ON

Shaw Media is the broadcasting division of Shaw that owns Global TV plus 19 specialty channels.

Responsibilities:

- Build new features, maintain and optimize the websites for all TV channels such as Global TV, Slice, HGTV Canada, Showcase, ET Canada, Food Network Canada, History etc.
- Responsive web development using Sass, HTML5 and JavaScript, cross-device tested.
- Frontend development of custom CMS widgets, tied with the MVC .NET backend via Razor view engine that renders all UI templates. The code is hosted on GitHub.
- Initiated and lead discussions that brought improvements to the Frontend code and better teamwork via: (1) creation of coding standards for CSS and JavaScript to ensure better code quality and unbiased code reviews; (2) improvements for the build & deployment flows; (3) encouragement for knowledge sharing and keeping up-to-date with new technologies.

Senior Developer

May 2014 - September 2014 (Contract): Critical Mass, Toronto ON

CM is a global, digital marketing agency that creates experiences for world-class brands.

Responsibilities:

- Rapid prototyping to build responsive web solutions for different clients.
- Major accessibility development for a financial client in order to achieve WCAG 2.0 level AA compliance for their entire website. Testing via JAWS, NVDA and VoiceOver.

Senior Mobile Web Developer

May 2013 - May 2014: CBC Music, Toronto ON

CBC Music is Canada's online digital music service, offering channels of streaming radio, videos, songs, concerts, artist profiles and playlists (<http://m.music.cbc.ca>)

Responsibilities:

- Build and maintain the mobile website for CBC Music, which is also a hybrid app for iOS.
- Develop all aspects of this one-page-app using Backbone.js, RequireJS, jQuery, rendering the data retrieved from the REST API using Handlebars templates, HTML5 and Sass.
- Ongoing development of the responsive version that will replace the current desktop site.
- Use publish/subscribe patterns to pull audio data from a Node.js streaming service.
- Use Grunt for building and deploying the code that is versioned and hosted on GitHub.
- Automated frontend testing using QUnit and Selenium.

Senior Interaction Developer

December 2012 - May 2013: Vodafone, Auckland, New Zealand

Vodafone is one of the largest telecommunication companies in the world (www.vodafone.co.nz)

Responsibilities:

- Building the new Vodafone NZ website from scratch, using Oracle Enterprise CMS.
 - Develop and test all the new HTML5, CSS3 (Sass & Compass) and JavaScript (jQuery, jQuery Mobile) prototype modules and templates, according to global Vodafone UI guidelines.
 - Design data models for the CMS templates to allow page creation using the module library.
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Senior Web Developer

February 2009 - July 2012: Central 1, Vancouver BC

Central 1 develops Canada's premier direct banking suite that is used by 300+ Credit Unions.

Responsibilities:

- Development and support of the core MemberDirect customizable online banking framework.
 - Hand coded development of JSP pages using Java Taglibs, XHTML, CSS and advanced JS.
 - Creation and maintenance of Perl & XML templates for TeamSite CMS, giving clients more flexibility in populating their banking websites in a secure and optimized manner.
 - Mobile Web Banking application support (PhoneGap wrapper), customization and branding.
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Web Developer

March 2008 - February 2009: Idelix Software Inc, Vancouver BC

Idelix developed advanced UI technologies, such as Lat49, the online map advertising system.

Responsibilities:

- Hand-coded development of PHP templates using XHTML, CSS and YUI JavaScript library.
 - Backend CMS development using Python to access and manipulate the MySQL database.
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Web UI Developer

March 2007 - March 2008: Worio (Zite), Vancouver BC

Worio was a discovery engine that eventually transformed into the app Zite (<http://zite.com>)

Responsibilities:

- Design and development of the entire user interface.
 - Hand-coded development of Cheetah templates using Python, XHTML, CSS and Ajax.
 - Cross-browser testing and performance optimization for an efficient UX through minimization of http requests, caching, minification & obfuscation of the served code.
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Senior Webmaster

June 2004 - November 2006: Answers Corporation, Jerusalem, Israel

Answers.com aims to be the leading online information center (<http://www.answers.com>)

Responsibilities:

- Design and development of the entire user interface.
 - Hand-coded development of JSP pages using Java, XHTML, CSS and JavaScript.
 - Maintenance of the user interface for 1-Click Answers software (desktop/online).
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Webmaster

June 2003 - June 2004: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Education

- 1999 - 2003: B.Sc. in Computer Sciences, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1994 - 1998: Xhevdet Doda High School in Prishtina, Kosovo

Languages

Fluent in English, Albanian, Hebrew, Croatian. Good knowledge of French.