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I am a full-stack, polyglot developer with a fine art background and love of technical design. For the last five years, I've been designing, building, and improving projects for a wide variety of clients. The biggest advantage I have is my vast project management experience, which has required me to jump into dozens of code environments, assess the landscape, and ship code immediately as part of team.

My network of developers all over the world have taught me some of the most powerful skills I possess today, and look forward to bringing my network's skills with me to any opportunity I take.

SKILLS

CSS/JS Frameworks

Vast expertise in using both Bootstrap 3 and Foundation 5 (now Foundation 6). I actually prefer Foundation for its flexible built in JS components. I've extended the Orbit slider as well as other JS features many times to implement new features, without new libraries, for clients. I'm looking forward to Bootstrap4 and its SASS support, which will probably win me over again. I only install assets through bower.

Pre-processors

I tend to work exclusively in preprocessors languages when working on the front-end, including proficiency in SCSS/SASS/LESS, HAML/ERB, Coffeescript. I always make my decision to migrate to a preprocessor if it will save me time and eliminate unnecessary keystrokes. Although I can work in Coffeescript, I prefer vanilla JS and JQuery over Coffeescript syntax.

Web Application Frameworks

I'm most comfortable building entire applications in Ruby on Rails, but I'm proficient in the MEAN Stack as well as Meteor. I prefer rails personally, because when its ease of use to build a standalone API, and then remove Active Record to use Rails tools for raw SQL queries. When I extend Rails, I'm typically using JQuery or Angular for front-end SPA like features.

I take pride in my ability to build world-class front-end user features in any backend environment, as well as understanding the "magic" it offers to write the besst code possible.

Frontend Frameworks

I have exposure to all of the following front-end frameworks: Angular 1, Angular 2, React, Ember.js, Meteor Blaze. I have most experience with Angular 2 recently, primarily because Ionic is built on top of it. When implementing FE features, if trivial, I tend to build out JS scripts before including a framework.

Git Workflow

I have extensive experience working in a Git-driven development environment. This includes managing active goals and tasks through the issue tracker, as well as submitting all code for a review through pull requests. I also have deep experience implementing the Thoughtbot Style Guide, which I believe to be a fantastic starting place for agile workflow.

Other notes: *I love Vim (too much), automating command line processes in ZSH, and working with remote servers. I also have years of PHP and Wordpress dev, which makes me love modern tools. Use all of the following: gulp, grunt, bower, docker, tmate, ngrok.*

I also spent time sending sensor data from Arduino boards to a web server, and then consuming that data on the frontend. This was C++ on the Arduino, PHP/Rails on the servers.

I'm happy to discuss my exposure to workflow tools like: Slack, Trello, Basecamp, Podio, Pivotal Tracker, Skype, Google Hangouts, Harvest, SugarCRM, Zoho, and virtually all others.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Consultant / Founder (2012-present)

United Web Company

Since 2012, I've been working full-time with other entrepreneurs to solve problems, build products, and make them more money. I've worn dozens of hats in this position, and it's been an incredible learning experience. I've worked in 20+ environments including Rails, MEAN, Wordpress (1MM+ view sites), Angular, and more.

Being a full-time entrepreneur gives me powerful and unique work experience. I have vast experience dialing in project scopes, deadlines, and building teams to finish projects. I've worked alongside (and hired) Thoughtbot contractors, developers from unicorns like Groupon, and world-class international sysadmins. I've also worked in complex industries like HIPAA compliancy and financial markets.

EDUCATION

School of Entrepreneurship, Ball State University

2010-2012

I was one of two Miller Scholars at Ball State University's school of entrepreneurship, which included a full-tuition scholarship. After two years pursuing my degree, I took a break to pursue my business and never looked back. My knowledge of software development gave me the confidence to leave school, while my sales experience gave me the tools to find new clients.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Rapid Prototyping - *I love to try and prototype ideas as fast and simply as possible. It's fun to meet with my startup buddies and try to whip something together as quick as possible.*

Startup Community - *I co-organize Startup Denver, a meetup with 1400+ members that meets monthly for pitch battles.*

Github - *Seriously, like a playground for people like me. I like to see what others are doing, run their code, and burn through hours with new JS tools. More of a lurker, not a contributor.*

Fitness - *Who doesn't love fitness in Colorado?*

A PERSONAL NOTE

I can confidently say that I can jump into any environment or team and start contributing code after learning your internal workflows. I love learning from other developers, and I love discussing code. I will be an asset to your team, and bring creative solutions wherever I am.

That's my guarantee.

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