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ABOUT ME

I am a Father of 2 boys. I currently reside in Orlando, FL but have decided to move to the Boston area, with my Wife & kids, by March 2016. I have a passion for coding and an unquenchable thirst for learning & growing, as an individual, a Father & as a Developer. I'd much rather wear jeans & a t-shirt versus a suit & tie. I choose Star Wars over Star Trek anyday (I have a collection of memorabilia to prove it). I honestly believe that I possess a unique & valuable combination of experience, skills & talents that are not commonly found in the developer community. As a Junior Rails Developer, I look forward to working with & learning from a team of individuals like me: CODERS.



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A back-end engineer with the ability to write clean, efficient code. A recent graduate of the Rails Engineering program at The Iron Yard possessing a solid foundation as a Full-Stack Web Applications Developer. Unique combination of skills and talents including Ruby on Rails training, extensive graphic design experience and proven success in business. Exceptionally proficient in quickly learning and implementing new skills and technologies. Effective communicator who will thrive in a team environment as a valuable, contributing member.



EXPERIENCE

RAILS ENGINEERING STUDENT MAY 2015 - AUG 2015

THE IRON YARD Successfully completed this intensely immersive 12 week course. Became proficient in developing full-stack web applications using Ruby on Rails and many other associated technologies.

- Completed projects in both team and solo environments.
- 72 hour deadlines for most projects / applications helped to promote the value of time management and communication with the goal of producing a minimal viable product for the client.
- Gained invaluable experience and substantial training in back-end development and became familiar with many front-end languages and technologies.

CO-FOUNDER / CO-OWNER AUG 2009 - PRESENT

THE POUR HOUSE, LLC Successfully co-owned and managed a family-owned restaurant. Demonstrated strong work ethic and the ability to build lasting client relationships. Adept at communicating effectively with customers, vendors and staff. Ability to adapt, multitask, creatively and effectively solve problems in high-pressure situations. Involved in all decisions in every aspect of the business.

- Responsible for the design and creative look of the restaurant interior and exterior.
- Used graphic design/art experience, Adobe Photoshop and a wide-format printer to design, print and frame over 100 pieces of wall decor consistent with the new theme of the restaurant.
- Learned the fundamentals of audio video technology and installation. Installed and wired new high-powered sound system, 28 High Definition projectors and televisions and 28 satellite receivers. Designed and integrated a user-friendly master control unit.
- Increased gross monthly sales by 100% in the first two years compared to the previous owner. Sustained steady quarterly growth, as compared to the year prior and currently average \$90k - \$100k in monthly sales.
- Created and maintained a large and continually growing repeat customer base by consistently providing quality products at competitive prices, providing exceptional service and practicing solid business ethics.
- Developed marketing campaigns to increase visibility of the business.
- Recruited, hired, supervised and motivated a staff of up to 25 employees.
- Trained service staff to enhance customer service and increase profits through suggestive selling.
- Investigated and amicably resolved food/beverage quality and service complaints, ensuring customer satisfaction and repeat business.
- Accountable for budgeting, cost control, payroll and general accounting.
- Adhere to regulations of health department and ensure compliance with alcoholic beverage regulations.
- Responsible for maintaining all audio visual equipment and similar technologies.
- Proven ability to quickly troubleshoot and resolve computer/server issues, ensuring smooth operation of business.

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EXPERIENCE CONT.

OWNER / OPERATOR / GRAPHIC DESIGNER 2006 - 2009

HUNG ART Launched an online printing business that specialized in the sale of wall decor in the form of canvas prints and high-quality posters. Without prior experience in either wide-format printing or Adobe Photoshop, I purchased a 44 inch printer and a copy of Adobe Photoshop. Created a successful business by demonstrating an ability to learn new concepts and technologies quickly, applying those new skills to ideas that are grounded in solid business fundamentals and never fearing new challenges.

- Became highly-skilled with Adobe Photoshop, creating over 200 different designs and reproductions in the first year. Designs were sold as canvas or paper prints in an online store.
- Increased monthly sales to over \$5,500.00 after first 18 months of business.
- Built relationships with businesses in Asia, leading to the export of over 500 prints per month to resellers in South Korea.
- Streamlined the sales and shipping process to increase efficiency.
- Recognized current trends, used Photoshop and creative talents to design new items consistent with those trends. Successfully sold those designs in my online store.
- Maintained excellent customer ratings and reviews by providing timely, honest communication and high-quality products.



SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

RUBY ON RAILS GITHUB RUBY GIT RAILS BOOTSTRAP JQUERY
PHOTOSHOP CSS JAVASCRIPT RUBY HTML SQLITE MYSQL
POSTGRESQL RUBY LIBRARIES (GEMS) SASS MVC API INTEGRATIONS
ADVANCED FORMS AUTHENTICATION AUTHORIZATION HEROKU
TEST DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT CRUD DOM MANIPULATION JSON
MINITEST ROR OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING GRAPHIC DESIGN
RESPONSIVE WEB DESIGN VERSION CONTROL GRAPHIC ART TDD
DIVERGENT THINKING WIDE-FORMAT PRINTING LOGO DESIGN
BRANDING AGILE METHODOLOGIES WINDOWS & OS X OPERATING SYSTEMS
WOOKIE WRANGLING



EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2000
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY