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Web Developer

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I have been building websites since 1999, started with ASP, then ASP.NET with C#. In 2005 I started learning Rails on the side and started working with Rails professionally in early 2006. I have been doing it exclusively ever since.

Some might call me a "UI guy" because I do a lot of HTML/CSS/JavaScript but I consider myself a middleware man. I am comfortable in the entire Rails stack and just as comfortable over in the client-side.

I love writing tests and making efficient Rails applications. I strive for solid HTML markup, CSS-based design and a nice layer of JavaScript to build great user experiences.

Big stuff   Ruby on Rails (2.x and 3.x)   Ruby (1.8 and 1.9)   HTML   CSS   JavaScript (Prototype, jQuery)   MySQL

Little Stuff   TestUnit   Mocha   Jekyll   Facebook API   Sqlite   CruiseControl.rb   Photoshop   Omnigraffle   Brew   RVM

The Number 6 (present, 8+ years)

Consulting services for small and large businesses. Primarily Rails development with occasional small business PHP/WordPress websites. Current work is primarily consulting for GameSalad and Spiceworks. Larger work from the past involves many festival websites for DoStuff Media such as ACL Fest, Lollapalooza, New Orleans Jazz Fest to name a few. Smaller work from the past and present includes websites for dentists, artists and automotive repair shops.

Spiceworks, Inc. (Mar 2006 – July 2011)

Since day 1 at Spiceworks I have worked on the free IT management tool that is now used by over 1.4 million IT professionals. I was on the team at the ground floor (pre-alpha) and have always played a central role in the shape of the product as it is today.

Constantly worked directly with our users to help give them the product they needed to do their jobs more efficiently.

Manage and wrangle the large codebase (178,992 LOC), striving for good code quality from all developers, adapting techniques to meet the latest trends in the Rails community, and keeping dependencies up-to-date (from Rails 1.x to Rails 2.3.x).

Lead the creation of many different features in the product from cradle to release. Post-release, follow up with users to iterate on features to improve them in future releases.

Sun Sierra Software, Inc (2000-2006)

Perform various contracting jobs, initially an internally used timetracking application (ASP) for contractors to log hours worked across projects.

Contract work for Health Net Federal Services, ASP.NET, MS SQL Server, Stored Procedures. Integrate ASP.NET applications with Java web services.

Bring HTML standards and CSS-based design into an old world company.

America's Lending Partners (2004-2005)

An old and now defunct real estate lead company (think Lending Tree)

I took their old Dreamweaver generated ASP.NET site and rewrote it from the ground up with HTML standards and CSS-based design.

Integrated metrics service Omniture to monitor user behavior on forms to optimize conversions.

Performed A/B testing on the lead generation form and constantly iterated the form design (1-page vs. multipage)

California State University at Sacramento (graduated 2003)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science