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I'm a full-stack web developer looking to join good people who do awesome work

I fill my weeks by sketching and building web applications, playing soccer and free-running, making and listening to music and having fun with my wife and daughters.

My expertise is building highly interactive web applications

From conception to ship-off, from back-end to front-end.

My stack includes :

- **Backend:** Python – Django – Linux – Git – ffmpeg – Heroku
- **Frontend:** Javascript – Backbone – jQuery – jQuery UI – Bootstrap – CSS

Some accomplishments :

Toyota.com, July 2012 – Ongoing

I'm a Senior UI Developer for the ongoing Toyota.com redesign.

Technologies used:

- Require
- Backbone
- Underscore
- jQuery
- Sass
- Bootstrap

Americana Manhasset, January 2012 – July 2012

I was lead full-stack developer for the launch effort of Americana Manhasset's 2012 redesign.

The following requirements were fulfilled:

- User registration and management
- E-commerce integration
- Custom shopping cart and order process
- Administrative reports w/ MS Excel exports
- Legacy-user import (2,500 users) to the new database and authorize.net account
- HTML5 template system
- Facebook Connect
- 3rd party newsletter integration
- A deployment method that includes local, dev, stage and production servers

Technologies used:

- Django
- South
- Authorize.net API
- Facebook API
- jQuery / jQuery UI
- MySQL
- Amazon AWS
- Requests python package + XML

SDG&E, April – December 2011

I was the lead front-end developer for San Diego Gas & Electric's website redesign. I lead three other developers into rapid deployments in which we built a css and jQuery framework that is currently supporting thousands of pages.

We used an agile scrum process in which I was heavily involved in communicating with stakeholders, developing story-oriented sprint plans, developing to spec and presenting work to project owners.

I'm most proud of building the Energy Usage Calculator [2] and the Energy Innovation Center virtual tour [3].

SDGE.com strengthened my practice of enterprise standards, multi-discipline team work, negotiating and communicating with stakeholders, deploying code in a chaotic environment and working in a scrum process.

[1] sdge.com

[2] sdge.com/tools

[3] sdge.com/eic-tour

IO Artisans, 2008 - 2011

IO Artisans was a small web development business that I started in order to get out of the IT field. I'd be the sole developer on a project or I'd oversee a few freelancers.

IO Artisans was my catalyst for learning jQuery and the LAMP stack.

See ioartisans.com for some of my completed projects during this era.

Absolute Systems, 2003 - 2008

My uncle introduced me to computers when I was 15 and within a few years I was working for him as a computer / network technician.

Work consisted of getting to a client's office building or warehouse somewhere in the Los Angeles area, figuring out who the stakeholder of a problem was, communicating with them and then solving the problem.

I hold this experience close to my heart because it introduced me to linux and computer networking.