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

I fill my weeks by sketching and coding user interfaces, playing soccer and free-running, making and listening to music and being with my wife and daughter.

My expertise is building highly interactive user interfaces

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

My stack includes :

- **Django** – South – Userena – Authorize.net
- **Python** – Unix – Git – ffmpeg – ImageMagick - BeautifulSoup
- **Javascript** – jQuery – jQuery UI – Coffeescript - Modernizr – Twitter Bootstrap

Some accomplishments :

Americana Manhasset, January 2012 - Present

I am currently working as the lead developer for Something Massive's redesign of AmericanaManhasset.com. Requirements include moving all flash interactions to HTML5 with flash fallback, integrating an ecommerce system and building an extensive admin interface.

We are using Django and South with some awesome open-source extensions.

SDG&E, April – December 2011

I was the senior 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

FavGoal, Fall 2011

FavGoal.com is an archive for soccer goals that I built in Fall of 2011. It allows people to watch, share and collect goal clips. It has been released into the wild and is stable but neglected while I work on a solution for automating the extraction of goal-clips.

FavGoal has strengthened my understanding of Python, Cloud API's, RESTful architecture, hashtag scripting, responsive design, web scraping, video streaming, and automated video processing.

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.