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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.

Responsibilities include:

- Building the Financial Tools applications
- Building the site-wide Gallery application
- Building the site-wide Geolocation and Zipcode utilities
- Building the site-wide Local Specials module
- Integrating highly specific event tracking for Analytics

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 and the Energy Innovation Center virtual tour.

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.

Note: An internal SDGE.com team has since re-designed the website.

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.