+Leo Allen

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT, WEB DEVELOPER

leo.f.allen@gmail.com
+44 (0)7841 528 905

Profile

From helping start-ups get off the ground to working in large teams for established websites with millions of users, I've over 10 years experience creating, developing, designing and advising for companies in four continents in all aspects required to make a successful online business.

Skills

Web Development

Specialising in Ruby, PHP, and Javascript I'm passionate about not just coding, but finding the elusive balance between doing something the right way using everyone's favourite acronyms (TDD, OOP, MVC, etc.) and getting it delivered on time and on budget.

Project Direction

Experience in managing, directing and training teams, ensuring that team members are happy, engaged and productive, and implementing best practices such as Agile - or even better Extreme Programming (XP) - to get the job done effectively with as little time wasted on pointless managerial procedures.

Business Development

I believe the key to web development is communication, and most importantly this is ensuring that the business goals and the technical needs are working together nicely. That's why I've found my most successful projects have been those in which I've been allowed to give technical insights into the direction of the business/product.

Technical

Ruby/Rails	Javascript/CoffeeScript	PHP
NodeJS	HTML5	CSS3
Git	Unix	MySQL/PostgreSQL

Experience

Enternships.com
Lead Developer/Technical Consultant   **2013-2014**

Assisted in the overhaul of current site, helped put in place proper development/product management principles, and temporarily lead team until we recruited a permanent lead. Worked with the business development team advising on the future direction of the product so it would better align with the technical capabilities of the website.

ECPAT International
Web Designer/Technical Consultant   **2013**

Advised Bangkok-based international charity with subsidiaries in over xx countries on the direction they should take technically. Following this consultancy volunteered to rebuild and redesign their current site, and based on a thorough research of their user's and the charities needs built a Drupal site with a cleaned-up, stripped-down design.

Maker's Academy
Teacher   **2013**

Founding member of the faculty of a 12-week intensive web development course, both taught and advised students in the class and assisted with the development of the curriculum. Students have since gone on to work at companies such as Sky

CouchSurfing.org
Software Engineer   **2011-2012**

Worked on one of the largest and well-established travel websites (with over 6 million registered users), both on over-hauling the current site, creating a new events system, as well as being entrusted with architecting and building the API for their mobile apps.

Mukuru.com
Lead Developer   **2008-2010**

Architected and built an entire mobile money-transfer system - the same system is still being used four years on and and has transferred over $1 billion using an innovative SMS-based approach. Included in the system was a custom-built accounting application, anti-fraud protection, CRM and more.

Various Companies
Freelance Web Developer   **2004-2014**

For the past 10 years I have worked freelance for various companies doing everything from building a co-working website in Ruby for a New-York based start-up, to an interactive map for an architectural firm embedded in Drupal, to custom booking software for Yoga teachers built using BackboneJS and Rails.

Education   First Class Honours in *Intellectual and Cultural History*, **University of Sussex**

leo.f.allen@gmail.com — +44 (0) 7841 528 905 — http://github.com/pitchinvasion