Michael Thorne

Freelance Front-end Web Developer

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Summary

I'm a freelance Front-end Web Developer. Specialties: HTML5, CSS3, jQuery, PHP, MySQL, Web Standards & Web Performance.

Experience

Front-end Web Developer at Self-employed

December 2012 - Present (6 months)

Head of Development at HelloComputer

June 2012 - November 2012 (6 months)

Tasked with writing functional & technical specifications, working with the creative team to resolve issues of user experience, interaction design as well as researching and prototyping new technologies & methodologies in the always-evolving web development industry.

Management of development team members from a human resources perspective in terms of leave applications, career development and salary expectations as well as ensuring that the most suitable resource for a task is utilized.

Business responsibilities included assisting with RFPs, quotations & project timelines for new work and monthly analysis of hours worked by development team members.

Front and back-end development in the initial stages of a project whilst working with the development team, as well as assisting wherever possible during the final deployment of projects on launch from a quality assurance perspective.

Web Developer at HelloComputer

December 2010 - May 2012 (1 year 6 months)

Standards-compliant HTML front-end development for websites and more recently, mobile-optimized websites. Utilising a LAMP stack to develop custom back-ends, including database design and integration or integration of hand-coded themes into content management systems.

Java Developer at RED-i

May 2006 - November 2010 (4 years 7 months)

Involved in the development and maintenance of a Java Enterprise Edition property sales information and management web application.

This included front-end web development as well the implementation of new product features, including the launching of new instances of the application for our new clients.

Web Developer at   Freelance

July 2005 - April 2006 (10 months)

As a web developer, I hand-coded standards-compliant HTML templates based on client-approved designs which were handed over to me. I then integrated these into content management systems and was responsible for launching the new website.

I was also responsible for hand-coding HTML email templates and managed the bulk sending of newsletters to existing subscriber databases.

Some of my work also involved performing maintenance and upgrades to existing websites, as well as updates to the websites which I'd developed. This included updates to the content management systems.

Web Developer at   Generator New Media

November 2002 - May 2005 (2 years 7 months)

Involved in the development of websites from inception to final integration with content management systems as well as providing continued maintenance for these and other websites.

This included the hand-coding of HTML templates, database design and development and hand-coding and sending of HTML emails to existing subscriber databases. I was also responsible for an e-commerce implementation and integration with MWEB SafeShop Payment Gateway (now PayU).

Courses

Java Developer
RED-i

Sun Java Programming Language Professional
Institution Certificate

Honors and Awards

Site of the Day: Sanlam DestiNation
Awwwards
May 2011

http://www.awwwards.com/web-design-awards/sanlam-destination

Campaign Silver: BP Ultimate Score
The Loerie Awards

September 2011

http://www.ultimatescore.co.za/

Campaign Silver: BP Ultimate Ride 2
The Loerie Awards
September 2011

http://10and5.com/2010/11/26/bp-ultimate-ride-2/

Bronze: The DestiNation
The Loerie Awards
September 2011

http://www.thedestination.co.za/

Bronze: The All New Hyundai Accent
The Loerie Awards
September 2012

http://10and5.com/2011/10/24/a-classy-accent-gets-you-places/

Skills & Expertise

CodeIgniter
CSS3
jQuery
MySQL
PHP
Web Standards
XHTML
HTML 5
Web Development
Web Performance
Wireframing
User Experience
WordPress
HTML
Java
JavaScript
CSS
User Interface Design
SEO

Education

Bytes People Solutions / Bytes Technology Group
Sun Java Programming Language Professional Institution Certificate, Java, 2007 - 2007

Computer Training Institute (CTI)

Computer Science Diploma, Java, Visual Basic, 2001 - 2002

Wynberg Boys' High School
1996 - 2000

Languages

English
Afrikaans

Interests

cars, movies, music, photography, sport, technology, web design, web development

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