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[[Experience]]

- O'Reilly School of Technology (Portland, OR)
  Instructor (2011 - current)
  Mentor students as they progress thru the course that covers building a
website, developed in PHP with a MySQL backend, all from scratch. As students
all come to class with a wide variety of cultural and technical background,
being able to clearly communicate and instruct is an invaluable skill.

     Skills:
     - Communication
     - PHP
     - SQL

- Powells.com (Portland, OR)
  Perl Developer (2006 - 2011)
  Developed a product work-flow and corresponding web framework that reduced
development time for features of Powells.com, ultimately leading to the
construction of the Powells public API. Assisted in the development of an ETL
process that freed up 38 hours of development time a week. Other notable
accomplishments include Google Books integration, schema redesigns, a decision
framework used for the "Online Buy Back" program.

     Skills:
     - perl
     - MySQL
     - mod_perl
     - memcached/redis
     - javascript/jQuery
     - PHP

- Summit Projects (Hood River, OR)
  Lead Developer and Technical Producer (2005 - 2006)
  Built a translation layer for user input to allow for searchability for a
client using perl. Coded cross browser compliant HTML and CSS from Photoshop
comps for clients such as Norwegian Cruise Lines, KEEN, and Nike Golf.

     Skills:
     - perl
     - HTML/CSS
     - project management

- ResNet OSU Development Labs (Columbus, OH)
  UI Lead and PHP Developer (2001 - 2003)
  Member of the student team that developed our in-office management software
that included a knowledge base, news reader, and scheduler for both office
shifts and on-site appointments.

     Skills:
     - PHP
     - MySQL
     - HTML/CSS
     - perl

[[Involvement]]

- Odessa Creatives
  Core Developer (2011 - Present)
  Currently building our alpha version of a built-it-yourself portfolio
application.

- Perl Mentor
  Mentor (2011 - Present)
  Leading perl training sessions for local programmers, discussed topics as
CPAN, Moose, testing and sharing your work on github.

- Portland Perl Mongers
  Member and Speaker (2005 - Present)
  Lead discussions about Moose, Benchmark suites, testing, and many of the CPAN
modules that I have authored.

- PDXPUG Portland PostgreSQL User Group
  Speaker (2010)
  Discussed strategies for building a schema that allows for all data to be
assigned a value of trust and include a versioning system.

- CPAN
  Contributor (2007 - Present)

- PDX weekly Hackathon
  Member and former Maintainer (2009 - Present)
  Scheduled meetups, sent out reminders, procured refreshments for attendees and
generally made sure that the meetings went well.

- PDXCritique (defunct)
  Co-creator (2008 - 2009)
  Scheduled monthly meetings, found speakers, lead discussions allowing many
freelancers to get objective feedback on there projects in progress.

- Open Source Bridge
  Technical Project Manager (first year) and Participant (2009 - 2010)
  Guided discussions around the building of openconferenceware, maintained
feature requests and built task lists, allowing for smooth talk submissions for
the first year of Open Source Bridge.

- Bar Camp Portland
  Speaker (2009)
  Lead several discussions, including using WordPress as a CMS and advocated the
use of film over digital for hobby photographers.

- euler_bench/Tool::Bench (defunct)
  Lead Developer (2009 - 2010)
  Developed a bare benchmarking framework that allowed both the parrot and
rakudo(perl6) teams to plot the progress of development and in a few cases
assisted in resolving bugs.

- Perl 5.8.9 delta
  contributor (2008)
  Assisted in converting commit notes and comments in to human readable change
logs for perl 5.8.9.

[[Education]]

- The Art Institute of Portland (Portland, OR)
  B.S., Multimedia and Web Design (2003 - 2005)

- The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)
  B.F.A. Painting and Drawing [non complete] (1997 - 2003)