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[[Experience]]

Backend Developer (2006 – 2011)

Powells.com (Portland, OR)

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

Lead Developer and Technical Producer (2005 – 2006)

Summit Projects (Hood River, OR)

Built a translation layer for user input to allow for search-ability 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

UI Lead and PHP Developer (2001 – 2003)

ResNet OSU Development Labs (Columbus, OH)

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]]

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 (2009), Participant (2009 - 2011)

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)