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About Me

I have always been fascinated with programming, and am looking for an opportunity to continue building a career with this passion. Though I have little formal education, I am self-taught and have the desire to continue learning. I enjoy staying on top of current web technologies and standards, particularly as it relates to open source projects such as GNU/Linux or Ruby/Rails. My friends have come to know me as somewhat of a Linux evangelist, and I am usually the first person they come to with their computer challenges. In the past, I have worked with large datasets and configured systems and networks on both a personal and professional level. Additionally I have built several web sites using various open source tools. Currently, I am mentoring a friend in JavaScript and git, and continually honing my skills in Ruby, JavaScript and advanced C#.

Computer Languages

HTML | CSS

Fluent

Can quickly and easily create well-structured, semantic markup with a commanding use of the good tags. Though I am no graphic designer, I am fully capable of executing other people's layouts. I have become the reference guide for any questions about valid HTML and CSS.

C# | Visual Basic | .NET

Fluent

I have been using C# and VB.NET for over two years (mostly C#). During that time I have pushed myself to learn more and have become quite comfortable developing with C# and .NET in general. I have also done some Visual Basic, but I try to stay away from that.

Ruby

Proficient

I have some projects going, mostly with Sinatra, and I have more planned. I also have direct experience with Rails and Merb.

JavaScript

Proficient

jQuery has really introduced me to JavaScript. I wasn't much interested in JavaScript until recently when I had a real need for it. Lately I've been trying to think of something to build with Node.JS.

SQL

Proficient

Very comfortable with the basics, such as designing normalized tables and selecting exactly the data I need. I have some experience with more advanced features like stored procedures. Experienced with MySQL, MSSQL and Sqlite.

PHP

Fluent

Cut my object-oriented teeth on PHP. Now I can do anything with it that is required. I coded a nice MVC framework (Relax MVC) for work with PHP, but it never got used.

Honorable Mentions

Flex | AS3, ASP.NET, XML, VBA, ColdFusion, SharePoint

Future Interests

LISP, C++, PostgreSQL, Graphic Design, Flash | Flex, The Next Big Thing

Work Experience

CISYS | Life Sciences: Developer

2007.10 – Present

I have worked on many projects while at CISYS, most of which are for large enterprise-level clients. As the resident web standards guru, I am the go-to guy for all things CSS and HTML (and more recently, JavaScript). Most of the products I have built have been non-public, for internal client use. Through most of 2009, I worked on a SharePoint based service application. I have often pushed for more agile methodologies, such as TDD.

Presentation Strategies: Developer

2007.11 - 2008.11

Shortly after CisyS hired me, they contracted me to a partner/vendor. My time at PStrat was spent supporting existing projects and building new products. Most things I worked on were internal or had set expiration dates.

Sir Speedy Cary: Mail Room Supervisor

2005.09 - 2007.10

Address and prepare letters and postcards for bulk mail. Cut paper, run deliveries, collate, hole punch and make computer recommendations. Built a database-driven web application using PHP for one of our larger clients. Extra features and polish were left undone due to time and budget constraints.