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Overview

I am an experienced professional web developer with a passion for quality software. I enjoy engaging with clients & users to deliver innovative, usable solutions. I'm skilled in both server-side and front-end technologies and experienced with agile practices such as test-driven and behaviour-driven development, pair programming & continuous integration.

I am constantly learning and extending my skills. I contribute to open-source projects, blog about software development and have spoken at several conferences internationally. In my free time I cycle, read, mix cocktails and enjoy music.

Skills

I have been writing code since my teenage years. For the last few years mostly using Groovy, Grails and JavaScript technologies including Coffeescript, but I have many years of experience with Java and some facility with Ruby, XSLT, C++ and even COBOL.

I know my way around Mac OS and Unix and have done support and administration work as part of cross-skilled teams.

Experience

Sky Guide
Developer - March 2011 to present

I work on an innovative TV guide website for the UK's leading subscription TV service. The site allows users to explore TV listings, record programmes & control their set-top box. The application is built using Grails and Backbone.js.

iKentoo SA
Developer - March 2012 to May 2012

I redesigned & implemented the administrative interface for a startup developing a point-of-sale system for bars & restaurants.

Energized Work
Developer - July 2010 to October 2010

I worked on the online product catalogue for a global entertainment brand.

Developer - November 2008 to February 2009

I was part of a team building *Commutineer*, a social networking startup themed around commuting. Built using Grails.

Sky Entertainment
Developer - November 2007 to March 2011

I worked on the platform for multiple websites for the UK's leading subscription TV service. The application was built using Grails with a single application serving multiple websites including *Sky Movies*, *Sky Showbiz*, *Sky TV* and sites for individual channels.

AOL Europe
Developer - 2005 to November 2007

I worked on the portals for AOL's presence in various European countries. The application was built with a Spring MVC & Hibernate based technology stack. Content was syndicated from various local services often with some 'interesting' approaches to delivering feeds.

Logica
Consultant - 1997 to 2005

I did various roles; analyst, engineer and technical architect on numerous projects for clients including Ford Motor Co., Britannia Building Society & the UK Financial Services Authority. I predominantly worked with Java but also on mainframe software with terminal emulator interfaces.

Open Source Software

I have my own open-source projects including *Betamax*, a tool for isolating automated tests from dependencies on external web services and several Grails plugins including *Fields*, *Joda-Time*, *Springcache*, *Spring Events* & *Selenium RC*. I contribute to the core Grails project itself including redesigning and implementing the default look & feel of

applications built with Grails 2. I also contribute to *Geb*, a browser automation & end-to-end testing tool. Most of my open-source work can be found via my GitHub profile.

Education

MSc. Information Technology Graduated 1997 Aston University, Birmingham UK

MA (hons) English Literature Graduated 1995 University of Aberdeen