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WEB DEVELOPER

66 Web development is the perfect synthesis of my three greatest interests: imagining beautiful and functional designs, learning through complex technical challenges and creating sites that make people happy. ??

Professional Experience

Web Developer

Mar 16 – current

Freelancer, London | The Netherlands | Switzerland

As a freelance web developer and designer I create custom CMS sites, using WordPress and Craft CMS or Jekyll for static websites and blogs. I'm confident working with HTML5, CSS3/Sass, ¡Query/JavaScript, Ajax and some basic PHP and Ruby. Example site: www.sanspapiersbern.ch

Web Developer Apr 15 – Feb 16

dxw, London

dxw is a digital agency in London and works with the public sector to create exemplary digital services, using agile, user-centred methodologies. At dxw I worked as a front-end developer mainly with WordPress using languages such as HTML5, Sass, jQuery/JavaScript and a bit of PHP. To make our life easier I used Grunt and Github for version control.

Web Development Immersive Course

Nov 14 - Feb 15

General Assembly, London

The Web Development Immersive Course was a three month coding bootcamp during which I learnt the following tools and languages: Ruby, Ruby on Rails, CSS3/Sass, HTML5/Haml, SQL, PostgreSQL, Sinatra, JavaScript/jQuery, AJAX, AngularJS, Heroku, TDD, AWS and Github. This was undertaken in an agile environment.

Projects:

Ahoy Mate: An app for sailors seeking additional crew for a trip, offering affordable sailing in return for working on the boat. Link: ahoymate.herokuapp.com

Technologies: Ruby on Rails, Haml, Sass, ¡Query, Ajax, Google Maps API, Open Weather API and Bourbon Neat.

Hacky Memory: A 24-hour Hackathon with four others where we created a card game to match catchphrases with the photo of the speaker, with a "Making Of" showreel to document the experience. I was responsible for the Sass code and part of the AngularJS code.

Link: bvinel.github.io/hacky-memory

Technologies: HTML5, CSS3 and AngularJS.

Second Chef: A project with two others creating an app that aims to connect busy people seeking an affordable meal with those who've cooked extra portions. I implemented sections of the project in SASS, Javascript, Ajax and Bourbon Neat. Link: second-chef.herokuapp.com

Technologies: Ruby on Rails, HAML, Sass, JavaScript/jQuery, Ajax and Bourbon Neat.

Front-End Web Developer and Campaign Consultant

May 14 - Nov 14

I worked for six months building websites for small businesses in Switzerland using HTML5, CSS3 and jQuery. Example sites: www.bio-erlebnis-hof.ch and www.annickemmenegger.ch.

As a consultant I devised campaign strategies for a non-profit-organisation in Switzerland aimed at encouraging people to adopt eco-friendly forms of transport. Strategies included how to grow the market share of Generation Y followers.

Head of Campaigns 2012 - 2014

Association for Transport & Environment, Bern

My role was to lead a campaign with a budget of two million Swiss Francs ahead of a national referendum for an improved railway system; we won the vote with 62%. I had to direct a campaign team of four staff plus a network of 27 organisations and parties in a multilingual context, mainly German and French.

Project Coordinator Feb 12 - May 12

Microloan Foundation, Kasungu

This role for a UK-based charity in Malawi involved delivering a program of efficiency savings by refining operational procedures and specifying improvements to the software system. I also trained local staff on the new system.

Campaigner and Project Manager

2007 - 2012

GSoA, Bern

Working for the GSoA, a Swiss peace organisation, I was part of the lead campaign team for two national referendums: the first seeking tighter restrictions on Switzerland's involvement in the international arms trade and the second seeking stricter gun laws within Switzerland. My role involved creating the campaign and fundraising strategy in a team of five.

Education

Full Stack Web Development Immersive Course

Nov 14 - Feb 15

General Assembly, London (full-time)

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign and Photoshop

Aug 13 - Mar 14

School of Visual Arts, Bern (part-time)

Front-End Web Development

Sep 13 - Jan 14

School of Visual Arts, Bern (part-time)

Master of Arts MA 2002 - 2009

University of Friboura

Major in contemporary history, minor in political science and economics.

Final Grade: 5,75 (approximate equivalent: Distinction)

Language

Mother tongue German, fluent in English and French, basic communication skills in Dutch.

THE INTERESTING BIT...

I love swimming and cycling, cider, and when I feel lazy binge watching TV-series on rainy weekends. In my free time I sew little monsters for my niece and nephews and I occasionally design flyers for small events. I also love photography and creating photo books for friends and family.

My biggest obsession (next to coding of course) is our ninety year old sailing barge, which we've been renovating in the Netherlands for several years when time permits.