

Ben Smawfield

Interface developer

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Summary

I'm a technically-minded Interface Developer with proven professional experience and expertise in web development and front-end technologies. I'm particularly interested in JavaScript development.

Languages: My core skills are CSS, JavaScript and XHTML. In addition to these I am proficient in AJAX, CSS3, JSON, jQuery, Microformats, WAI-ARIA, XML and XUL.

Other cool stuff: I can slice and dice with Photoshop. I'm confident working within back-end code, including JAVA, JSP struts and tiles, PHP, and .NET. I've version-controlled in CVS, Perforce, SVN, TFS and VSS. I like making Mozilla extensions.

Experience

Practice Consultant (Interface Developer)

EMC Consulting, London

June 2010 - Current

Project work included rapid prototyping of a booking user journey for Expedia, performance optimization and bug-fixing for Virgin Media's newest online presence and for the next generation of online banking for Barclays, development of a JavaScript rich financial fact-find application for Close Brothers, and an HTML5 portfolio for EMC's interactive media department.

Design Technologist (Contract)

Expedia, London

June 2009 – June 2010 (1 year)

Maintaining and building Hotels.com to develop a quality and high-performing site for its quarter of a million daily visitors. Working in a distributed environment with a team based in London, Dallas, Budapest and Szeged.

Primarily part of a SCRUM team with UX and Creative, designing, prototyping and building the next-generation of hotel search interaction on the site, but also responsible for auditing quality of existing site-wide code, making recommendations and flagging issues, contributing to best-practice documents for improvements of accessibility, performance, mobile web development and general code quality.

Interface Developer

LBi, London

May 2007 - June 2009 (2 years 1 month)

I worked on a broad range of projects at LBi, most of which can be viewed on my portfolio at <http://www.bensmawfield.com>

Highlights include: worked SCRUM on the next generation of BT Tradespace, replacing the existing version of the site with a more dynamic and responsive experience, with AJAX, jQuery and CSS3 work involved; Worked as one of the principal Interface Developers building Barclays.com, working closely with back-end developers to create 80+ CMS-able modules to be used in different locations throughout the site, including library-free Javascript and AJAX work; Participated in a self-organized group of Interface Developers, Creatives and Experience Architects who met regularly to discuss how to better integrate our working practices between our disciplines.

CMS Support Analyst

Wheel, London

October 2005 - May 2007 (1 year 7 months)

Played a key role on the frontline of the roll-out of Unilever's award-winning corporate websites. Provided telephone, email and web support to teams around the globe using Tridion CMS to localize content for their markets.

Junior Web Developer / Designer

JPi, Kendal

June 2004 - January 2005 (7 months)

Assisted with the design, development and CMS support of over 25 websites for MacDonald hotels.

Education

MSc Built Environment: Virtual Environments

University College London

2002 - 2003

BSc (Hons) Environmental Science

Lancaster University / McMaster University

1998 - 2001

International Baccalaureate

American Embassy School of New Delhi

1996 - 1998