Tom Hickey

Web Development

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I am a developer with over 25 years general coding experience and over 17 years web development experience with a particular focus on WordPress site design/coding/maintenance.

Skills

Development languages, tools:

- HTML
- CSS/SASS
- JavaScript/AJAX
- PHP/Object-Oriented PHP
- SQL Queries
- Flash Animation
- ActionScript
- Visual Basic for Applications
- WordPress
- Classic ASP
- PHPStorm
- Atom
- Asana
- Dreamweaver
- Gulp

WordPress:

- Experience with Gutenberg and custom Gutenberg blocks
- Custom Themes
- Custom Plugins
- Custom Post Types
- Complete understanding of WordPress database structure
- Advanced Custom Fields (ACF)
- WordPress API
- Divi theme
- Custom utilities to manage WordPress records

Other software:

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- MS Word
- MS Excel
- MS Access

Experience

Lipman-Hearne / Web/WordPress Developer (Contract Work)
APRIL 2019 – NOVEMBER 2019, CHICAGO

- Developed custom WordPress themes for major Universities including Northern Arizona University, Valparaiso and Kaiser Permanente.
- Built out sites using WordPress Gutenberg editor with custom blocks created through Advanced Custom Fields.
- Created a custom plugin (coded in object-oriented PHP) to allow users to search for majors/programs at the university

Self-Employed / Web/WordPress Developer
NOVEMBER 2016 - PRESENT, CHICAGO

- Converting Photoshop/Illustrator design documents into responsive WordPress templates
- Developing custom WordPress themes from scratch
- Creating Content Management System solutions in WordPress using custom post types and custom fields

Astek Consulting / Senior Web Developer

SEPTEMBER 2010 - NOVEMBER 2016, CHICAGO

- Created and maintained dozens of websites in Astek's proprietary CMS: Webany
- Overcame limitations in the company's CMS with creative use of JavaScript and AJAX
- Created WordPress sites with custom themes from provided design templates
- Created multiple WordPress sites using Divi child-themes, including creating custom Divi modules
- Created a web-based Flash video viewer called "How's my Swing?" to display videos from an annual corporate networking golf event
- Mentored other developers in both Webany and WordPress development
- Handled phone-based client support

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Experience

Self-Employed / Web Developer/Designer

SEPTEMBER 2000 - SEPTEMBER 2010, CHICAGO

- Co-developed a Flash trivia game with a customizable script for Phoenix radio station KTAR, used at public events
- Designed/developed online blog/magazine in Classic ASP/SQL Server with article entry and editing
- Developed custom CMS solutions for a number of clients using PHP/MySQL including:
    - Cosmetics company with shopping cart and updatable catalog
    - Chicago restaurant with updatable menu
    - Chicago Art Gallery with updatable catalog
    - Chicago antique jewelry/art seller with updatable catalog
- Using Adobe InDesign, created magazine for Chicago theatre company featuring work by teens in their outreach program
- Created MS Access based tracking system for a medical testing company running on multiple terminals with live updates across the network

Dorenfest & Assoc. / Software Development & Support

JULY 1997 - SEPTEMBER 2000, CHICAGO

- Coded and maintained company's primary software product: The Dorenfest IHDS+ Database, an MS Access application providing users with marketing information for hundreds of healthcare organizations requiring extensive VBA coding for forms and reports
- Provided tech support for an office of 50 people, including managing office internet access, software installation and Windows technical issues

Reid Psychological Systems / Software Development/Support

SEPTEMBER 1992 - JULY 1997, CHICAGO

- Developed telephony software using Visual Basic to handle telephone keypad test-entry and scoring with customizable scripts and scripted audio files
- Developed a DLL in Visual C containing an API for the company's proprietary test-scoring algorithms
- Developed/maintained company's RPS Profile test-scoring software, written in Microsoft PDS BASIC
- Phone based technical support for RPS Profile software and leased computer systems

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Education

Columbia College

CHICAGO, IL

Fine/Studio Art, Commercial/Graphic Design and Illustration.

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

MILWAUKEE, WI

Fine/Studio Art, Commercial/Graphic Design and Illustration.

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