

David Gagnon

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EXPERIENCE

McCarthy Tétrault, Montréal, QC, CA — Webmaster

September 2014 - June 2020

Webmaster, coordinator and CSS/jQuery/HTML5 Developer. My responsibilities included:

- Maintaining the firm's corporate and recruitment websites (production and design)
- Primary contact and project manager for internal website requests
- Primary contact with IT department for all web-related projects and liaising with vendors as required
- Design and layout of electronic external (clients) and internal communications
- Management of the firm-wide electronic event invitations

Softvoyage, Laval, QC, CA — Web Front End Developer

November 2012 - March 2014

Web Designer and CSS/jQuery/HTML5 Developer. Worked on general graphic design as well as HTML5 development and UI design, with a special focus on mobile devices and responsive design. More recently started developing in-house web applications using PHP and MySQL/MariaDB. Most of the work was done on a Mac OS X client machine with code running on Linux servers (CentOS, RHLE).

Shanghai United International School, Shanghai, China — Manager, Teacher, Coordinator

August 2004- June 2012

I acted as an advisor, system administrator, facilitator and teacher. My tasks included managing the IT infrastructures across campuses and administrating the school's web servers, databases, e-mail, FTP, Administration desk, etc. I have also deployed a Learning Management System (Moodle) and developed several web apps and databases for administrative functions (PHP+MySQL). On top of that, I was also providing technical support and training to teachers, as well as teaching ICT to primary and secondary school students. I followed the IB curriculum program as well as IPC and the English National Curriculum.

SKILLS

System Administrator

Linux, Apache, nginx, MySQL, Postfix, Courier, Samba, NFS, etc.

Teacher

Been teaching basic IT and coding skills to primary school students

Manager

Managed IT resources for 5 school campuses in Shanghai

Developer

HTML5/CSS3/PHP/MySQL/JavaScript/jQuery. I can do both backend and frontend work but I mostly excel at front-end and CSS, and adapting provided graphical content into HTML5 and responsive design.

IB Facilitator

IB (International Baccalaureate) PYP (Primary Years Programme) ICT Facilitator, attended several ICT & PYP workshops and Job-A-Likes. Expert Moodle trainer and administrator.

Graphic Designer

Studied and designed various website designs, logos as well as printed material.

Blogger, writer

Wrote articles for various webzines.

EDUCATION

Rochebelle Professional Formation Center, Québec, QC, CA — *DEP*

August 1997 - June 1999

DEP in Graphic Design. Studied and practiced pre-print design work as well as web design, including internship experience for a web design company (SillyWeb)

PROJECTS

MT Ventures — Website I built for McCarthy Tétrault

On a very tight budget, we needed to build a website in the least amount of time as well. Hence I thought why not code it by hand based on a Bootstrap template? And this is how MT>Ventures was created. Simple but efficient.

softvoyage.com — Main company's website

Major revamp for the main web portal. I've done most of the work behind taking the design idea and turning it into a full blown Wordpress template. Used HTML5, CSS3, PHP and jQuery technologies to make everything work as it should. Some challenges included adapting all the PHP templates from being simply bilingual (French + English) to a tri-lingual version (added Spanish recently).

Avenirdm.com — Private Clinic

This private clinic needed a brand new, better looking Wordpress-based website. Starting from an existing template, I have modified its code heavily using CSS3 and jQuery to add some new features, such as making the main pictures switch to color when rolling the mouse over them, as well as adding sub-menus and right sidebar, etc. It was the first time I used jQuery extensively and some interesting CSS3 newer features.

Suis.com.cn — Shanghai United International School

Installation and set up of the Drupal CMS, as well as the graphic signature which I designed by modifying an existing Drupal template. I also added a bit of PHP code for extras. It's also myself who has put in place their email server as well as the Learning Management System based on the Moodle Open Source software.

Students Administration Desk — SUI's custom admin tool

Based on PHP and MySQL, I extended and managed this tool which allowed taking attendance, filling students' reports, and a lot more!

CERTIFICATONS

Linux Essentials 117-010

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4vyxl4ozgo29tgk/LE-1.pdf>

Collaborative Planning in the PYP

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Certificates?preview=Certificate+of+Completion+-+Collaborative+Planning+in+the+PYP.jpg>

Many other IB related certificates which you can find at the URL below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hh6ixhzowx8kle7/EMoioMtSi->

LANGUAGES

Fuent:

French, English

Some proficiency:

Spanish, Chinese

Reference Mr David Gagnon

I have known Mr Gagnon for 5.5 years in his capacity as ICT teacher and Advisor for the ICT area in Xiehe. Xiehe is the largest provider of Private education in China mainly located at present in Shanghai. The organization is concerned with some 40 schools/Institutions but it is with the International school division that Mr Gagnon has mainly been involved.

I have always been impressed with the work ethic of Mr Gagnon and his capacity to quickly determine what is the most relevant practice to be pursued to ensure the organization can identify its goals and needs. He then has established quickly the procedures we should follow to achieve these objectives.

Apart from his excellent teaching I have always been impressed with Mr Gagnon's ability to visit all Xiehe campus's to discuss ICT needs and help campus based personnel at teaching and administrative levels achieve their targets.

He has also on a regular basis briefed Principals as to what they should do in terms of policy and practice and has fully developed the organizational structure of Xiehe ICT facilities to meet the needs of the current century.

He is a humble but very able ICT theoretician and practitioner who I fully recommend to you without reservation as a teacher /adviser and one who we would wish to re-employ should the opportunity offer itself.

Should any further information be required please do not hesitate to request it. I recommend him to you as an excellent candidate for any post or area of Study for which he might apply

Yours sincerely

Dr Roger W R Morgan.

Principal SUI.S. Pu Dong

Chief Inspector Xiehe Education.

29th June 2012.

MEMO TO: Whom it may concern
FROM: Martin Donnellan
DATE: 31 August 2012
RE: David Gagnon

RE: DAVID GAGNON

I worked with David Gagnon from August 2010 when I came to Shanghai as Principal of this school. David worked as an ICT teacher across the school and as the key professional in charge of all of our IT systems and services.

Most striking about David is his knowledge of his subject area and the skills inherent therein. As well as a (reduced) teaching load he worked assiduously to create and maintain our website and those of five sister schools in our organization across the city. This also involved training a large number of personnel which he did with a great deal of skill and no little patience. He maintained our email system and administered our 'Teacher Shared' electronic resource archive. His commitment to the highest standards of professional practice was admirable; systems were invariably reliable and backed up as a matter of course on his watch.

David is clearly self-motivated and multi-skilled. He keeps right up to date with technological developments and is ever ready and eager to discuss the relevance and application of such technologies to the workplace. He is a very fine example of a lifelong learner. He also deals very well with people and the equanimity which he shows in a trouble – shooting ICT environment is most impressive.

David was one of the longest standing members of the school staff after nine years here. We were very sorry to see him go but wished him and his wife every success in their new life in Canada.

I have no hesitation in recommending him to a prospective employer. They would be receiving a mature, reflective, skilled and dedicated professional who would contribute much added value to their organization or enterprise.

I shall be happy to offer any further clarification you might require.

Martin F. Donnellan

Principal, Shanghai United International School