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OBJECTIVE

To refine my web development skills in an accomplished and inspirational environment.

SKILLS

Languages: PHP, CSS, XHTML, HTML, jQuery, JavaScript, MySQL, C/C++, Sphinx, Smarty

Operating Systems: Windows, Macintosh, Linux

Applications: Adobe Photoshop, Flash, Fireworks, Microsoft Excel, Word, Joomla

Design: Trained in graphic and web design including typography, composition, and best web practices.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Feb 2011 - Jan 2012 (11 mo): Tower Bureau - Web Developer (London, UK)

In charge of various in-depth projects for a large DIY online superstore, TradesSupermarket.com. Projects included upgrading and optimising their search engine, implementing product reviews, creating a live chat system, adding new design elements in line with the current brand, creating admin tools, writing up project plans, improving code efficiency, and adding other additional new features as necessary.

Tools: PHP, CSS, HTML, MySQL, Sphinx, Smarty, JavaScript, JQuery, Ajax, Basic Linux system administration, Adobe Photoshop, TortoiseSVN, Mantis

Mar 2010 - Jul 2011 (1 yr 4 mo, part-time): Self Employed - Freelance Web Designer (London, UK)

Exercised skills needed to start my own business, liaised with clients to achieve high customer satisfaction, and continually improved my range of abilities with the latest technology.

Tools: XHTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript, MooTools, Joomla

Mar 2010 - Mar 2010 (1 mo): Com 1 - Web Developer (London, UK)

Worked as the lead designer for a major site redesign, created various HTML pages from templates, and responsible for Flash updates to pre-existing sites.

Tools: XHTML, HTML, CSS, Adobe Flash, ActionScript 2.0, Adobe Photoshop

Aug 2008 - Dec 2008 (4 mo, part-time): Wheaton College - Web Programming, Graphics, and Design Teaching Assistant (Massachusetts, USA)

Helped students with course related questions both inside and out of class. Tools taught: Adobe Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash.

Aug 2007 - May 2009 (1 yr 9 mo, part-time): Wheaton College - Graphic Design Computer Lab Monitor (Massachusetts, USA)

Assisted users with specialised software and hardware on Mac computers including the Adobe Suite. Also responsible for maintenance of the lab, and surveillance of users.

Aug 2007 - Dec 2007 (4 mo, part-time): Wheaton College - Colorful Math Tutor (Massachusetts, USA)

During evening hours, communicated with the students helping them to understand the course material and feel satisfied in their work.

May 2007 - Jul 2007 (2 mo): Embark Corporation - Web Developer Intern (California, USA)

Worked on online college applications. Used HTML, internal tools, and SQL to write application pages, edit a database, migrate files, and test the applications.

EDUCATION

Jan 2006 - May 2009: Wheaton College, MA, USA. BA in Computer Science, with a minor in Studio Art. Graduated with a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.15 out of 4.00.

Aug 2005 - Jan 2006: Studied Art History and Irish Literature at University College Cork, Ireland.

Audit of Graphic Design I (Fall 2008) - With enthusiasm for furthering my education in graphic design, audited this course in addition to a full load of courses for the semester. Achieved an in-depth view of typography and other design methods, and fulfilled the prerequisite for Graphic Design II.

HOBBIES

Learning Japanese, designing and developing websites and various web elements, and hiking.