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Web Development

I'm an experienced Ruby on Rails developer with a strong knowledge of related technologies, including:

Ruby on Rails	JavaScript	CSS3	Photoshop	HAML/SASS
jQuery	WordPress	HTML5	Illustrator	BDD
PHP	SQL	AJAX	Agile	Processing.js
Git	Cucumber	Unix	Rspec	Heroku

Recent Work

Scholastica scholasticahq.com

December 2010 – Present

Allows academics to create, maintain, and publish peer-reviewed journals online.

- Responsible for development, testing, and maintenance
- Excellent test suite (runs fast, comprehensive coverage including JavaScript)
- Cutting edge technology stack (Rails 3, Cucumber, Rspec, jQuery, Heroku)
- Converts manuscripts from a variety of formats (doc, odt, txt, etc) into PDF

WeDeal weddeal.com

February 2011 – Present

Developer, Contractor

- Solely responsible site performance (scaling, load testing) and maintenance (bug fixes)
- Added robust test suite using Rspec and Cucumber (legacy code was untested)
- Migrated application and payments from RackSpace to Heroku
- Migrated application to Rails 3
- Integrated various web services (Websolr, Airbrake, New Relic, etc)

Obtiva obtiva.com

September 2011

Developer

- Developed aspect oriented financial software using Rails and Netsuite
- Consulted for high profile clients (Centro, Groupon, etc)
- Worked alongside other very talented developers
- Tested all the time using Rspec, Cucumber, Mocha, and TestUnit

in3media radio-info.com

February 2010

Lead Developer

- Upgraded application to Rails 3
- Ported JavaScript from Prototype to jQuery
- Converted application to Haml and SASS
- Improved test coverage with Rspec and Cucumber
- Added major features including ad management system and report parsing tool

Ones & Zeros Web Design onesandzerosweb.com

March 2009 – September 2011

Lead Developer / Founder

- Small agile team of designers and developers

- Experience working with a variety of clients – universities, non-profits, small businesses, corporations
- Incorporated in March 2009

Leigh Van Valen leighvanvalen.com

January 2011

Created official site for the late evolutionary biologist, Leigh Van Valen.

- Strong simple layout with effective use of type and whitespace.
- Ability to download personal works including bibliography, songs, and academic papers
- Ability to download past issues and articles from Evolutionary Theory.

My Florida County myfloridacounty.com

November 2010

Redesigned multi-million dollar e-commerce site responsible for collecting municipal fees (child support, traffic citations, etc.) throughout the state of Florida.

- Significant usability improvements
- Stream lined payment process
- Redrafted site copy for search engine optimization
- jQuery UI effects – including AJAX

Three Dog Marketing threedogmarketing.com

September 2010

Created website and blog for a marketing and advertising startup.

- Blog functionality (WordPress)
- Integration with HTML newsletter marketing (MailChimp)
- jQuery UI effects
- CSS3 / HTML5

Foreclosure Grove foreclosuregrove.com

October 2009

Developed web application that helps realtors, investors, and individuals find information on foreclosed properties in Arizona.

- Data mining (Scrubyt, Hpricot, Scrapy, Mechanize, Nokogiri)
- jQuery UI effects – including AJAX
- Extensive administrative back-end to monitor subscription growth and data integrity
- Integrated mailing system (signup confirmations, error notifications, mass emailing, etc.)

Education

University of Chicago, Chicago IL

Degree: M.A., History, 2007

Focus: History, Religion, Gender, Academic/Professional Writing

GPA: 3.5/4.0

Cardiff University, Wales UK

Study abroad program in History and Archeology, 2004-2005

West Virginia University, Morgantown WV

Degree: B.A., History and Political Science (Minor: Sociology), 2004

Focus: Twentieth Century American History, Politics, and Culture

GPA: 3.88/4.0 (Honors, Phi Beta Kappa)