

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: Welsh
Born: 26th March 1983

Skills

Perl: 3+ years experience with a full understanding of object oriented Perl and the Mason Framework.

PHP: 3 years experience using Kohana and CodeIgniter.

Linux: 5+ years experience of developing software in a Linux/LAMP environment.

MySQL: Experience of developing Perl/PHP systems using MySQL, including schema design and writing SQL queries.

Apache: Working knowledge of server configuration and mod_perl /PHP.

XHTML and CSS: 5+ years experience of developing rich web pages for a cross section of platforms and browsers.

Javascript: 5+ years experience with extensive knowledge of jQuery.

Memcache: Server setup, monitoring and implementing.

Ability to set goals and manage time effectively.

Good at problem solving and negotiation.

Excellent team management skills.

Scrum methodology.

Work

Frameworks Developer – Photobox

August 2009 – May 2010

In this senior role, I developed and implemented business features within a self-organising team, and worked closely with the system architect to increase scalability and reduce technical debt. In this my organisational skills and design background has proved invaluable, and my Linux/Apache skills and deep understanding of the system architecture meant I was key in ensuring site performance and stability.

Features Developer – Photobox

January 2007 – August 2009

In this role I used XHTML, javascript, CSS and perl to develop features on a Mason framework to deliver localised sites across several European countries. With cross-browser compatibility and standards compliance in mind, my technical and design skills helped deliver a dynamic and user content driven website.

Designer – Photobox

July 2005 – December 2006

As a designer I created assets for online and offline marketing campaigns using Adobe software, and developed and published online content using XHTML, Javascript, CSS and perl. I also helped compile and analyse marketing statistics.

Freelance Web Developer

Intermittently

I used PHP, MySQL, XHTML, Javascript and CSS to deliver several cross-browser compatible, dynamic and media rich websites. Providing services from server administration to design, full website development and set-up I built good relationships with clients.

Freelance Designer – Sabotage Design

December 2004 – April 2005

As part of a small team I helped develop concepts for new interfaces and products to compete in a usability aware market - to be presented to clients like Ricoh, Clarion and Raymarine. Extensive research of the competition, the product and its use, information architecture and the user journey were key in creating intuitive, emotive and coherent designs.

Education and Training

UKUUG Intermediate Perl and Advanced Perl Techniques

November 2009

Two day perl course on various topics including Catalyst, Object Orientation, Advanced Testing, Benchmarking and Profiling.

Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication

2001 - 2004

BA (Hons) Interaction Design - 2:1

Pembrokeshire College

1999 - 2001

GNVQ Art & Design - Distinction

Ysgol Gyfun Ddwyeithog Y Preseli comprehensive bilingual school

1994 - 1999

13 GCSEs including Mathematics, English, Science and Welsh - A to C