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Summary

For the past 5 years, I have worked on both the front end and back end of web sites, combining my graphic designs skills and programming knowledge to create user-friendly web sites and Rich Internet Applications.

Qualifications

- Ten years experience designing and developing effective web sites writing HTML, XHTML, CSS and JavaScript and using various programs from Photoshop to Dreamweaver
- Fifteen years experience working with visual elements and photography, creating layouts and communicating with users and readers through various media and technologies
- Six years experience implementing web projects, including a report card grading system, from initial design through development, and working with users to ensure proper usability methods
- Two years experience implementing jQuery and other JavaScript libraries while creating rich user experience with unobtrusive JavaScript.
- Two years experience building Flash-based web sites and video streaming
- Have studied and implemented Search Engine Optimization techniques and web metric methods
- Have incorporated security practices into both client and server-side technologies to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data
- Have effectively worked under deadline-driven environments to produce visually appealing products
- Am self-starter able to incorporate the needs of the client with the capabilities of the web to provide user-friendly sites

Professional Experience

USA.NET – UI Web Designer (April 2008 – Present)

- Successfully redesigned and coded user interface for company's email application, which consisted of more than 100 pages that needed to be rebuilt following the latest web standards and browser compatibilities
- Converted numerous pages to CSS-based layouts from table-based layouts
- Developed several JavaScript functions to ensure proper behavior across browsers from IE6 to IE8 and Firefox

Willindenver.com – Owner, Web Developer (September 2005 – Present)

- Designed and developed both static and dynamic web sites for clients, using ASP.NET, PHP and Flash
- Produced CSS-based layouts following the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, as well as the United States Government Access Board Section 508 standards

Denver Public Schools – Tech Support Manager (August 2000 - December 2006)

- Provided technical support for elementary and middle school teachers and students
- Maintained several computer labs and buildings of up to 200 computers
- Built a report card application/database using PHP and MySQL

Vistaloca.com – Owner (January 2000 - January 2001)

- Designed and developed a web site to sell photos taken at local area triathlons, bike races and whitewater rafting
- Photographed, organized and printed photos using Photoshop
- Developed, organized and managed budget for small business

Elko Daily Free Press – Photographer/Writer (February 1997 - September 1998)

- Photographed news events and wrote feature stories for daily newspaper
- Utilized Photoshop 4 extensively

Houston Community Newspapers – Editor/Writer (May 1991 - August 1997)

- Edited and managed two weekly newspapers in two large metropolitan areas of Houston
- Supervised an office of three employees and freelance writers

Technical skills

Languages: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ASP.NET, ActionScript 3, MySQL, PHP

Software: Dreamweaver CS4, Photoshop CS4, Visual Studio 2008, Flex 2, Flash CS4, After Effects CS3, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)

Platforms: Windows XP, Vista; Mac OS X

Certifications: A+, Network+, Security+, MCTS (Exam 70-562) ASP.NET 3.5

Education

University of Houston, 1990

Bachelor of Arts – major in Journalism with minors in English and Political Science