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Web Developer



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Successful and highly adaptable Open-Source Web Developer with a wealth of technical skills in frontend, backend and basic web server management. Acquired knowledge through a wide range of demanding projects with over 10 years of experience in the Computer Programming sector, specialized in Web Development.

Previously employed in the U.S., Mexico, Greece and England, self-driven and highly motivated professional, able to demonstrate required skills and make an effective contribution for a local or global organization.

Skills

PHP (16+ years)

- ✓ **Plain PHP:** Started with procedural PHP in 2003 and gradually migrated to complete OOP and best development practices. Joomla, Wordpress, CS-Cart, Virtuemart.
- ✓ **Symfony:** 4+ years using SF. In JIK Software I used SF2 and I continuously use SF2 and SF4 for personal and external contracts.
- ✓ **Laravel:** Started working with Laravel since 1/2019 which is quite similar with Symfony.
- ✓ **Yii:** Worked with Yii in GForces for around a year.
- ✓ **PHPUnit and Codeception:** Unit and Functional testing since 2015. Although in none of my employments TDD was required, I tried to use TDD myself in order to comply with best possible practices.

HTML/CSS/Javascript (4+ years)

- ✓ **HTML/CSS:** Although I started using these in 2003, it was in 2011 when I began working for Net360 media agency that really enhanced my skills using Photoshop files to recreate pixel perfect frontend websites.
- ✓ **Plain Javascript:** Started in 2003 and gradually migrated to modern OOP and ES5.
- ✓ **jQuery:** Used jQuery extensively throughout the years to maintain cross-browser compatibility and manipulate the DOM easily.
- ✓ **AngularJS:** Basic usage of AngularJS in 2014 at Accenture and GForces.
- ✓ **VueJS:** Started using this in 1/2019 for Uncle Buck.

Databases

- ✓ **MySQL:** MySQL has always been my DB of choice since 2003.
- ✓ **MongoDB:** I used MongoDB in JIK Software while I was developing a different DB storage logic for their job board alongside MySQL.
- ✓ **SQL Server:** Used this often when retrieving and altering data usually into MySQL.

DevOps

- ✓ **cPanel & Plesk:** These are the most used Admin panels for web hosting so I have been using these since 2003.
- ✓ **AWS:** Used this for production and development environments since 2015.
- ✓ **Docker:** Started using Docker and Docker Compose at GForces in 2015.
- ✓ **Jenkins and Teamcity:** Used since 2015.

Tools and Methodologies

- ✓ PHPStorm, JIRA, Git (Bitbucket), Agile Development (SCRUM), Slack.
- ✓ REST& SOAP API's, MVC, SEO, XML, JSON, responsive web design, W3C Standards.

What I am looking for

Passion takes over when developing so I am looking for a company or client that values results instead of the amount of hours sitting on the desk. The possibility to work odd hours or remotely around the occasional family and/or external activities, would be particularly appreciated. I strongly believe in Agile development and constant communication among the team members in order to deliver the best possible product in the shortest amount of time. I enjoy opportunities to learn new skills whether backend, frontend or DevOps.

Personal Skills

- Team Player
- Adaptable
- Effective Communication
- Fast Learner
- Accepts Feedback
- Flexible Attitude
- Problem Solving / Analysis
- Self-Motivated and Loyal

Languages

- English: Proficient
- Spanish: Fluent
- Greek: Native

Interests

- Keeping up-to-date with Web Technologies.
- Heavily involved in Martial Arts as an Instructor, practitioner and competitor.

Personal Information

- Married with 2 children
- Born in 1982

Key Achievements

- Refactored an existing online booking system to be configuration based and built completely within a few hours from a product owner, as opposed to an average of 2 weeks required to be built by a developer
- Travelled to Vietnam and trained outsourced web developers
- Developed from scratch an MVC-based CMS (in beta – no GUI) within two-weeks. Currently used for mobile sites. Approximate mobile site completion is 4 hours. Each site shares the same code, while maintaining the ability for full customization
- Developed applications that connect different systems, without database schema or the help of their respective support team
- Developed e-shop platform with a goal of having very high performance on shared hosting (procedural code, no MVC, no OOP)
- Trained junior developers to commercial and highly productive methods in order to become established professionals

Selected Experience

TI-Media – UK (contractor)

Magazine and digital publisher.

Position: **Web Developer, 8/2019-now**

Tech: *PHP, Wordpress, MySQL, Git (Github), Docker, AWS.*

Member of a team tasked to completely rebuild a major digital brand using Wordpress. Custom plugin development as well as code migration of older versions of plugins. Also, tasked with business-as-usual pipeline fixing bugs and creating or modifying functionality.

Uncle Buck Ltd – UK

Online short-term loan lender.

Position: **Web Developer, 1/2019-8/2019** (8 months)

Tech: *PHP (Laravel), Javascript (plain, VueJS), Wordpress, MySQL, Git (Bitbucket), Unit & Functional Testing, Docker, AWS.*

Convert legacy PHP software into existing Laravel project. The main product is a Lending Management Software connecting various third parties like a Wordpress website as a client front and multiple API integrations like funding and credit checks. Migrate away from Vagrant into Docker and Docker Compose to create unified environments for Development and Testing team. Introduce most SCRUM methods for team working.

GForces Ltd – UK

Provider of software and services to all aspects of the automobile industry.

Position: **Web Developer, 10/2017-1/2019** (1 year & 3 months)

Tech: *PHP (Yii), Javascript (AngularJS), MySQL, AWS, Git (Bitbucket), Unit & Functional Testing, Docker, Jenkins, Teamcity.*

Permanent member of the Jaguar/Land Rover team. Maintain/improve Online Booking system using PHP/AngularJS in a Docker environment running over AWS services. Latest task included a complete code refactoring completely removing the reliance on developers in order to deploy application into new markets/regions. Reduced new market/region creation from an average of two weeks down to one day.

JIK Software – UK

Job board websites specifically servicing the Southeast area of England.

Position: **Senior Web Developer, 1/2015-9/2017** (2 years & 8 months)

Tech: *PHP (plain, Symfony2), Javascript (plain, AngularJS), MySQL, MongoDB, Git (Bitbucket), AWS, Unit & Functional Testing.*

Converted legacy PHP code to OOP in Symfony using best practices (including backend CMS and e-commerce features). Numerous modifications and additions were made to the newly redesigned frontend using jQuery and plain Javascript in order to adhere to web standards and better SEO performance. Worked on a custom analytics platform using plain OOP PHP and Javascript.

Accenture – UK

Consulting firm offering management, technology services and outsourcing.

Position: **Senior Web Developer, 9/2014-12/2014** (3 months)

Tech: *PHP (plain, Symfony), Javascript (plain, AngularJS), MySQL.*

Leading developers for task completion. Code reviews. New feature development and refactoring.

Freelancer – U.S.A. / GREECE

Position: **Full-Stack Developer, 9/2003-now** (16+ years)

Tech: *PHP (plain, Symfony2/4), Javascript (plain, jQuery), Joomla, Wordpress, HTML/CSS, Photoshop, MySQL, MongoDB, Git, Unit & Functional Testing.*

As a subcontractor to other web agencies, various projects were implemented, simple websites, eshops (open source and custom made) data bridge applications, simple facebook applications, custom newsletter sending application.

Net360 S.A. – GREECE

Web marketing and web development company specialized in e-travel and tourism.

Position: **Senior Web Developer / Development Team Leader, 9/2011-8/2014** (2 years & 11 months)

Tech: *PHP, Javascript (plain, jQuery), HTML/CSS, Photoshop, Joomla, Wordpress, Virtuemart, CS-Cart, MySQL.*

Leading developers for task completion. Website development using non-template designs. Joomla, Virtuemart, CS-Cart, custom in-house CMS. Administration of dedicated web servers and basic MySQL optimization. Provide customer technical support.

- Developed a custom in-house CMS for quick mobile site creation and easy upgrading.
- Maintain and edit code fragments of current in-house CMS built with Zend framework.
- Developed a bridge application for complex data migration from Virtuemart products into CS-Cart ecommerce platform.
- Mentoring and helping junior developers.

Thomas Medical Associates – U.S.A.

Two private practice clinics in the El Paso area providing family medical coverage.

Position: **Web Engineer, 7/2008-9/2010**

Tech: *PHP, Javascript (plain, jQuery), HTML/CSS, Photoshop, MySQL, DB2.*

Provide technical support, maintain web application and IT Infrastructure.

- Developed a bridge application connecting McKesson Practice Partner medical software (DB2) to website (PHP, MySQL) using custom created web services. Provided limited access to patients in order to view their medical records and lab results as soon as they became available.

Mechanical Technologies Inc – U.S.A.

Heating / Refrigeration company serving the greater El Paso area

Position: **IT Network / Database Administrator / Web Developer, 8/2008-8/2009**

Tech: *PHP, Javascript (plain, jQuery), HTML/CSS, Photoshop, MySQL, SQL Server.*

Provide technical support, maintain web application and IT Infrastructure.

- Developed a bridge application connecting dESCO software (SQL Server) to website (PHP, MySQL) using SOAP services. Provided limited access to clients regarding technician whereabouts.
- Converted a MS-Windows peer to peer LAN into a Domain based LAN. Installed DELL Server (windows server 2008) giving a significant advantage to employees being able to have access to their work files from any company computer.
- Developed a bridge application connecting QuickBooks (SQL Server) accounting software to website (PHP, MySQL) to provide live financial data to intranet users.
- Rewired entire company replacing category-3 with category-5 network cables (~1000m²).
- Installed telephone panel and calling center.

Suncity Lending Group – U.S.A.

Home loan lending company with 100% mobility and on-the-spot approval.

Position: **Web/Software Engineer, 4/2008-10/2008**

Tech: *PHP, Javascript (plain, jQuery), HTML/CSS, Photoshop, MySQL, SQL Server.*

Provide technical support, maintain web application and IT Infrastructure.

- Created a bridge application using SOAP web services connecting Calyx data (SQL Server) to custom company website (PHP, MySQL).
- Developed a custom web application with user rights levels to provide access to required information for the sales team and clients.

Datamark Inc. – U.S.A.

Business services outsourcing (digital mailroom, data entry, document processing) for Fortune 500 companies

Position: **Software Quality Assurance Technician, 1/2006-7/2006**

Validate custom in-house software applications. Communicate constantly with the Programming department to resolve technical and workflow issues that appear in the given programs. Prepare and install the new software applications to the necessary environments after they have been approved to function properly and within the required standards. Overview and record production process to ensure correct and smooth operation.

Opticas 20/20 – MEXICO

Largest chain store of optical products and accessories in Juarez, Mexico

Position: **IT Consultant, 9/2007**

Tech: *PHP, Javascript (plain, jQuery), HTML/CSS, Photoshop, MySQL, SQL Server*

A detailed analysis was conducted for the implementation of a central system (accounting and production) unifying 30 stores operating independently. The case study consisted of biometric timecards for employee tracking, real-time tracking of customer orders and optical lens production. Specialized software was developed to follow all stages in order to calculate precisely the product creation and the final delivery time to customers.

Education

Colorado Technical University (Colorado Springs, CO, USA)

Major: BSIT-Software Engineering – Bachelor of Information Technology (not graduated yet)

University of Texas at El Paso and El Paso Community College (El Paso, TX, USA)

Major: Computer Science – Bachelor of Engineering – Transfer Credits

Numerous Technical Seminars in Classroom & Online

Web Programming (PHP, HTML, CSS, Javascript), Design (Photoshop), Object-Oriented Programming and Design Patterns, Java, UNIX Operating Systems and Shell Scripting, Microsoft Networking (MCSE), MS-Office Applications.

Awards and Recognitions

The National Dean's List 2004-2005

Top 10% Sophomore Recognition UTEP 2004

Member of Golden Key

Top 1% Junior Recognition UTEP 2005

Member of Society of Collegiate Scholars

Member of UTEP Honors Program