

EDUCATION:

- Columbia College Chicago B.A. in Graphic Design / Multimedia
- Graduated with honors in 1996.

BIO:

A highly-skilled, intensely-motivated developer that is dependable, approachable and receptive. Using a combination of HTML, CSS, PHP and Javascript to create event-driven, web-based applications is what I excel at. I believe that web standards and optimization are always the priority, but I also know how to dance with the Devil (a.k.a. IE) efficiently. In addition to my love-affair with Javascript, I have a passion for photography and the outdoors - running, hiking, camping, canoeing and fishing.

EXPERIENCE:

2004 - Present

Web Developer / Front-End Engineer

Movéo, Oakbrook Terrace, IL

- Constantly optimizing, updating, standardizing and re-factoring new and existing sites we develop to give them strength/resilience, appearance/form, and functionality/interactivity.
- Using different techniques to optimize page-load for a greater user experience.
- Creating sophisticated interfaces for in-browser applications using Javascript, HTML, CSS, PHP, REST and more.
- Contributing to the continual improvement of our design and development process.
- Working closely with the SEO/SEM team to implement tracking for comprehensive analytical data and search results.
- Major amounts of hands-on experience during this time in the following:
 1. Writing object-orientated, unobtrusive and event-driven Javascript using the Prototype and Scriptaculous frameworks.
 2. Writing object-orientated PHP.
 3. Using extensive amounts AJAX and JSON to request external data to parse and use on the client-side.
 4. Writing clean semantic HTML and CSS.

2001 - 2004

Freelance: Web Developer / Designer

Studio J Design, Chicago, IL

- Consulted with clients to find the best possible web-based solution.
- Designed and developed websites for clients that complimented their business needs.
- Developed every aspect of clients web sites using HTML, CSS, Javascript, PHP, and mySQL.

1998 - 2001

Moonlighting

During this time period I started my web design / developer career, taking on freelance projects to learn as much as I possibly could about HTML, CSS and Javascript.

1996 - 2001

Senior Designer / Production Manager

QLT Graphics, Tinley Park, IL

- Headed all design projects from concept to print/web.
- Configured a Colorsync ICC workflow using my extensive color correcting knowledge.
- Designed, developed and maintained company web site.
- Designed clients web sites.

SKILL-SET:

Languages, Libraries, Frameworks, etc...

HTML | DHTML | XHTML | XML | CSS | JavaScript | DOM | JSON | AJAX / XHR |
OOP | REST | MySQL | PHP | Apache | Prototype | Scriptaculous

Operating Systems

Mac OS X | UNIX / Linux | Microsoft Windows

Software

BEdit | Safari Web Inspector | FireFox FireBug & Y-Slow | phpMyAdmin | Adobe CS

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