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My Work Experience:

12/2009 - Present - Shmoop.com, Mountain View, CA - Front End Developer

- Redesigned the UI of Shmoop.com
- Created a PHP templating framework built for flexibility and backwards compatibility
- Created a JavaScript UI library around Prototype and Scriptaculous.
- Doubled the speed of website using suggestions by Yahoo YSlow Firefox plugin, including CSS sprites and controlling order of script operation
- Designed and implemented templates for Teachers Editions of Shmoop subjects
- Designed and implemented templates for AP Test Prep (US History, US Government, English Literature, English Language) as well as testing UI.
- Implemented Paypal payment processing for site commerce, and dashboard functions for internal handling of transactions and refunds.
- Designed AP Medals for top 3 performers in AP Test Prep.
- Worked with Marketing and Business Development to conform with suggested SEO practices.
- Managed SEO dashboard to automate SEO practices throughout the site.

Skills used: HTML, CSS, JavaScript/AJAX, PHP, MySQL, Photoshop, Illustrator, Prototype, Scriptaculous.

7/2008-12/2009 - ORAFEC.org, Branford, CT – Chief Information Officer

- Created the user interface and database for Orafec.org
- Implemented a search system for over 300,000 components in stock.
- Responded to customer support needs
- Created web site for a subsidiary with calendar appointment system, Google Maps integration, manager administration system, and opening Flash animation.
- Created web site for a client including registration system, franchisee access system, and manager administration system.
- Franchisee system included inventory and resupply dashboard
- Designed and created marketing materials in print and online.
- Created a Visual Basic.NET desktop program for database migration and synchronization.

Skills used: HTML, CSS, JavaScript/AJAX, PHP, MySQL, Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Prototype, Scriptaculous, Visual Basic.NET, InDesign.

6/2005-7/2008 – Oxygen Electronics, Essex/Branford, CT - Web Designer/Programmer

- Redesigned the UI for O2xygen.com
- Created a web-based content management system to maintain the public site.
- Maintained and extended an internal web site for brokers' internal use.
- Developed a contact management system.
- Redesigned and re-implemented a company-wide task calendaring system.
- Designed and implemented time usage and training reports
- Converted the entire web site from VB6/ASP to ASP.NET
- Created a workflow to integrate photographs of components into data available to sales force
- Created a program to acquire images in bulk

- Created a web-based tool to audit images
- Created a program to migrate images into the database post-audit.
- Integrated photo capture into receiving process.
- Designed and created marketing materials and training manuals.

Skills Used: Visual Basic/ASP.NET, HTML, CSS, JavaScript/AJAX, Microsoft SQL Server 2000, Prototype, Scriptaculou Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash.

2/2004 – 6/2005 – Kendle International, Old Lyme, CT - Digital Data Processing Specialist

- Worked on a team scanning and verifying documents for a contract research organization.

9/2003 – 1/2004 - Pharmedica Communications, Essex, CT - Contract Employee

- Entered data and performed secretarial duties for a company in the pharmaceutical industry.

6/2002 – 6/2003 – Various, New York, NY - Contract Employee

- Worked as a contract employee for several companies in Manhattan.

7/2000-6/2002 – Centermark Technologies, Higganum CT - Graphic Designer/Programmer

- Designed and implemented web-based software for call centers to help manage their data.
- Provided phone support for that software.
- Designed and developed web sites for external clients.
- Designed and created marketing materials.

Skills Used: Photoshop, Illustrator, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ASP, Visual Basic 6.

Samples of Web Sites:

Shmoop.com - <http://www.shmoop.com>
ORAFEC.org - <http://www.orafec.org>
Steam My Ride.com - <http://www.steammyride.com>
Netty Cars US: - <http://www.nettycarsus.com>
Oxygen Electronics - <http://www.o2xygen.com>
Aimee Burg - <http://www.aimeeburg.com>

Other Skills:

- I am comfortable using Linux and Windows, but prefer and am most at home on Mac OS X.
- I have experience with source control software, including Visual SourceSafe and Subversion.
- I am a proficient writer, a good communicator, and have a great sense of humor.
- I am a highly skilled amateur photographer.

My Education

Connecticut College, Bachelor of Arts in History, 2000

My References

Available upon request.