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Profile

I am a Front End and Back End web Developer/Designer with almost 12 years experience in web design, using my skills in Content Management System development, rich web application development, page layout, HTML, DHTML, CSS, Php, Ruby, and JavaScript coding.

Key Competencies

- Strong knowledge and experience with hand coded HTML, XHTML and DHTML
- Very good experience working with CSS
- Experienced in cross-browsing techniques, pixel perfect designs, table-less mark-up and W3C validation skills
- Extensive Javascript and Ajax experience, including PrototypeJS, Scriptaculous, jQuery, and EXTjs, as well as working with custom javascript applications.
- Strong knowledge and experience with Php, including Codeigniter framework.
- Experience with Ruby on Rails
- Understanding of Web 2.0 concepts and knowledge of SEO
- Understanding of how to use web technologies to great 'human' interfaces

Professional Experience

June 2003 - present

Freelancer

Highlights include

- **thirst4work.com** – developed the Employer section with Codeigniter and implemented several features in the Job Seeker section including the LinkedIn profile import. Currently redeveloping the Job Seeker section with Codeigniter.
- Developed **Electricity Reliability Council of Texas** forecasting rich web application (www.meso.com/jointven.html)
- **SuperSport Fantasy Leagues** games Flash to Javascript port
- **Getclosure.co.za** complaints management: rearrange legacy backend code, transform much of the front end user interface to web2.0 (Ajax, Javascript)
- Developed **Nimble** Php Framework & Content Management System (readitsideways.com/nimble – much of what I have done since 2008 have been developed with Nimble)
- Upgraded the **Meso** internal Time Management web application to more intuitive web2.0 interface (Ajax, Javascript - meso.com)
- Developed the **Mindset** intranet learning application in php/Ajax (www.mindset.co.za)
- Developed the **Mindset** offline learning application (HTML/CSS/XML/Javascript – data is contained in a large XML file and I used Javascript to build the application which searches and displays resource material)
- **Style Eyes** production management rich intranet application (Ruby on Rails)

Local Economic Development Consultant

- 2003: Co-ordinated the **Ilembe District** Agriculture and Tourism PACA (Participatory Appraisal of Competitive Advantage)

- Co-ordinated the **Isithebe Manufacturing** PACA
- 2004: Co-ordinated the **Ilembe Agri-Processing** PACA
- 2004: Rescued the **Ilembe Rural Chili Growers Project** (in the two weeks after I restructured the project the growers went from imminent bankruptcy to making more than they had the entire previous year)
- 2004: Created **PACAmate** software for documenting workshops (stand alone PHP application)
- 2005: Co-ordinated the establishment of the **Ilembe Growth Coalition**

Jan 2000 to May 2003

Dot Dom World, IT Director

- Client liason
- Project management
- Team management
- Research up-comming technologies

February 1999 to December 1999

Promarksport, IT support

- Advise on IT strategies
- IT/network support
- Develop company and client web sites

November 1998 to January 1999 Web Studio, Web Designer

- Graphic design
- HTML/Javascript development

Education And Professional Development

Education

Social Anthropology & International Studies, Kaggeholms Hogskola, Erero, Sweden

Languages

High School Graduate Diploma
English, Afrikaans, some Swedish

Personal Information

37 years old, South African, married. My interests are, apart from technology, psychology, virology, and anything interesting.