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Objective

Highly motivated, peak performing, all-rounder with over 20 years of proven track record in Front End, UI/ UX, Multimedia Development, Digital Marketing and Project Management. Having worked for some of Australia's Iconic brand names in the web space. My prime interests are JS (80% F/E - 20% B/E), UI/UX, React, graphics, multimedia & marketing.

Skills

Front-End UI/UX

Javascript, React, Redux, Angular 2-4-5, Dojo, node.js NPM, jQuery, Javascript OOP, Typescript, ES5-6, Mobile Development, Responsive Design, HTML5, CSS3, LESS, SASS, Bootstrap, AJAX, JSON, Google API, Foursquare API, Social media API's, BI API's, GIT. Wireframing, HTML Prototyping.

Back-end & CMS

Wordpress, PHP, MySQL, Cron, Apache, Node, Putty, AWS

Project Management

Agile, Waterfall, Scrum, Sprints, Standups, Team Leadership, Stakeholder Management, Resource Allocation, Risk Assessment, Steering Committee, Usability Testing, Accessibility Testing, Browser Testing, Functionality Testing.

Agile Lifecycle Management Tools

JIRA, Confluence.

Multimedia

Premiere Pro, Davinci Resolve, Apple Motion, Logic Pro X, Photoshop

EDM

Aweber, Sendmail, PHPList

IDE

Visual Studio, VS Code, Eclipse, Atom, Electron, Chrome dev tools

CI/CD

Jenkins

Build Tools

Webpack, Gulp

Full Stack Developer – FREELANCE / CONTRACT / FT

July 1997 till Now

Responsibilities include client facing, project budgets and quoting, product development, front end development, back end development, multimedia (A/V) production, SEO/SEM, hosting and marketing. End-to-end production of SaaS apps, SPA's, Plugins and SME websites.

Duties include:

- Establishing a secure dedicated Linux server running Apache, Red Hat, Node, WHM
 - Interacting closely with clients and providing web solutions in a variety of diverse industries.
 - Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of each website.
 - Designing wireframes in Sketch, Photoshop, Bootstrap Studio and/or Pixelmator.
 - Ensuring client websites adhere to WCAG 2.0 Guidelines.
 - Solid skillset with Javascript, ES6, PHP, GD Library, HTML, HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Ajax, JQuery.
 - Developing SaaS apps in PHP, Javascript, Ajax.
 - Developing Wordpress websites and plugins. Hooks and Actions.
 - Developing mobile/desktop apps in HTML5.
 - Integrating mobile call API's and QR code generators.
 - Integrating PHP SaaS apps into Wordpress.
 - Integrating WooCommerce and 3rd party API's into Wordpress.
 - Integrating HTML pages with the PHP Back-end.
 - Filming and producing sales, educational and promotional videos for the web.
 - Integrating streaming media solutions (Ooyala).
 - Develop interactive video services for education and entertainment companies. Static or streamed media.
 - Networking with marketing experts in Australia, US and UK.
 - Partnering marketing experts in the launching new digital products.
 - Develop apps in React-Redux and to a lesser degree Angular 2-4.
 - Responsible for the complete build of most websites and apps.
 - R&D new technologies and strategies
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- React/JSON – <http://mymoviescripts.com> (integrates TMDB and custom JSON) July 2019
 - SaaS/PHP – <https://mockup.page> (wysiwyg editor) August 2019
 - Angular 5 – <http://www.stevs.net/demo> (Angular 5 version)
 - React/Redux – <http://g0.to> (product search using foursquare and Google maps api)
 - PHP – <https://wp-prospector.com> (Chrome extension reveals Wordpress information)
 - React/Redux – <http://chat.stevs.net> (chat bot)
 - PHP/GD Library – <http://design.some.cards> (ecard maker)
 - Video Production – see <https://mockup.page> for a recent example. More at <https://stevs.net>

Senior Front End (UI/UX) Developer – Telstra – Legacy & Shared Services

Apr 2019 to Jul 2019

Telstra initially required a senior web developer for 6 months to help repurpose an O365 internal ordering service over to React however the project was cut short by 3 months as the company continued its 2nd year of the T22 rollout.

This React/.Net project required I take the wireframes (navs, charts, listviews) and turn them into reusable react components within an MVC environment.

Duties include:

- Interacting closely with the inhouse project team & project owner
- Work within a Visual Studio & SQL environment
- Daily stand-ups and short Jira sprints
- Flexible in-house/remote work environment

Senior UI/UX Developer – Myer

Nov 2018 till Mar 2019

Myer required a senior UX JS developer for 3 months to help deliver the new IBM Sterling Webcom upgrade.

The JS/XML required working with the Dojo library, building custom validation and encryption scripts, building screen mashups and both source and target data mapping for webcom via the onboard editor.

Duties include:

- Interacting closely with the inhouse and offshore team, team leader & project manager.
- Daily stand-ups and short sprints
- Integrate Cybersource into webcom
- Testing in local and dev environments before pushing to Git

Senior Front End Developer – Wyldminds Agency

Oct 2017 till Nov 2017

Wyldminds Agency required a bespoke Wordpress admin plugin hosted on AWS that their partners could use to create custom branded videos for their clients. Partners uploaded client logos, entered the link to the AE video template and provided a video name. This was stored in a custom database which was synced to a Google spreadsheet. The video was rendered by a bot that read and updated the Google sheet. The sheet returned its current status to the mySql database which was then updated. Partners could add, modify and delete videos in a few simple steps. Integrating sheets into the wp database was a new and enjoyable challenge.

- Duties include:
- Interacting closely with the managing director.
- Creating the UI based on a design developed by Wyldminds.
- Coding up and testing the php, JS, jQuery, mySql and Google script.
- Building the UI in CSS & jQuery.

Senior Front End Developer – Datacom IT

Apr 2013 till Jun 2014

Datacom IT digitize historic books, documents and paper records. I was responsible for the end-to-end development of the company website, SEO, SEM, Marketing, Analytics and Adword Planning. Heavily involved in researching products and solutions for a government tendering process. Participating in stakeholder meetings relating to the tendering process.

Duties include:

- Combining a design partially developed in Drupal and flat HTML into Wordpress.
- Making the website responsive, so it was viewable on mobile and tablet.
- Interacting closely with the production manager, sales team and senior stakeholders.
- Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of the website.
- Develop graphics in Photoshop.
- Overseeing all UI aspects of the website.
- Came up with the company's new slogan – Datacom IT: The Future Of History
- Responsible for Adword planning and spend.
- Product and solution research into government tender submission.

Senior Front End, UI Developer, Multimedia Developer and Marketer – May 2009 till Nov 2012

21st Century Education Media & Property Direct

Working in an AGILE environment. Develop, spearhead and maintain the 21STCE and partner websites. Digitize financial educational DVD seminars. Promote 21STCE products and seminars throughout the media.

Primary products include 21STCE financial education, Property Direct Portal, property seminars and DVD's.

Duties include:

- Establishing two Linux hosting servers, one for company websites and the other for file hosting.
- Purchasing, establishing and administering domain names.
- Creating or converting company and partner websites from flat HTML to Wordpress.
- Making the websites responsive, so they were viewable on mobile and tablet.
- Interacting closely with the marketing manager, senior stakeholders and CEO.
- Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of the website.
- Developed graphics in Photoshop.
- Overseeing all UI aspects of the websites.
- Converting DVD media to MP4 H264 format.
- Gaining company exposure on The Footy Show (AFL).
- Promoting guest speakers including Sir Richard Branson and Arnold Schwarzenegger

Full Stack Developer – FREELANCE

Sep 2007 till Apr 2009

See the top.

Senior Front End & Multimedia Developer – Dodo

Apr 2007 till Aug 2007

Working in a Waterfall environment. Develop and maintain the company's primary website as part of the design team.

Duties Include:

- Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of the website.
- Develop static and animated website banners and graphics.
- Develop Javascript provisioning UI where customers could check whether Dodo could service their numbers.

Senior Front End & Multimedia Developer – Vision xTreme

Jan 2006 till Mar 2007

Working for private media company in the streaming media space.

Duties Include:

- Convert DVD media into MP4 H264 format for streaming over the Newsat network
- Client and stakeholder liason
- Create client and partner websites in HTML, PHP.
- Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of the website.
- Developed graphics in Photoshop.
- Overseeing all UI aspects of the websites.

Senior Front End & eCommerce Developer – NotebooksRUs

Jan 2005 till Dec 2005

FMCG in the IT sector.

Duties Include:

- Photoshop wireframe for new company website.
- Integrate iSell POS system into site.
- Integrate ANZ API and Thwart SSL certificate.
- Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of the website.
- Develop static and animated website banners and graphics.
- Develop product website graphics in Photoshop.
- Oversee all UI aspects of the website.

Full Stack Developer – FREELANCE

Mar 2002 till Dec 2004

See the top.

Senior Front End Developer – XSIQ

Mar 2001 till Feb 2002

Working in digital education space.

Duties Include:

- Photoshop wireframe for new company learning portal.
- Build portal in Javascript, HTML, ActiveX.

Senior Front End Developer & DHTML Team Lead – Isis Communications Feb 2000 till Dec 2000

Working in new media space bringing to market a variety of new products and services. Sectors included streaming media, eLearning, home automation products, government.

Duties Include:

- DHTML Team Lead.
- Work closely with Design and Development Team Leads.
- Work closely with Project Managers and liaise with CEO.
- Participate in steering committee's for new product development.
- Rigorous testing, checking the usability, accessibility and navigability of the website.
- Develop player UI for streaming of 2000 State Budget and Holden Car Show.
- Build front end for ASP based websites in Javascript and HTML.
- Performed some ASP.
- Oversee all UI aspects of different websites.

Front End Developer – Telstra

Oct 1999 till Dec 1999

Contracted to develop an internal CMS in HTML using Javascript and ActiveX to write to the filesystem. Process managers needed to input business steps that field workers could access while on the road.

Duties Include:

- Establish project requirements with various stakeholders.
- Wireframe the design in Photoshop.
- Develop the project in HTML, Javascript and ActiveX for the Internet Explorer browser.

Full Stack Developer – FREELANCE

Jan 1996 till Oct 1999

See the top.

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Music Performance, Composition & Production – FREELANCE

Jun 1985 till Dec 1995

Hairdressing – Various Salons in full and part time capacities

Jun 1985 till Dec 1989

Education

When introduced to the internet in late 1995, HTML was new and browsers had just introduced images. With no courses established I became self educated in HTML, Javascript, graphics and multimedia. I have followed that path ever since, always exploring new technologies and skilling up via Udemy.

Moto: Give yourself 3 things to achieve when doing any one thing.

This personal mantra has exploded my growth and results over 20 years. It's often the case that doing just a little more can produce far greater results.

QUALIFIED COSMETOLOGIST **1984 - 1985**

JOHN MORREY SCHOOL OF HAIRDRESSING

VOP ART & DESIGN **1982**

BOX HILL TAFE

MUSIC PERFORMANCE & THEORY **1978 - 1981**

VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS Secondary College

References

* Can be provided on request *