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Career Objective

With 7+ year of front-end web developer experience, I am seeking a full time position as a Lead Front-End Web Developer to showcase my strong skills. I have expert-level knowledge of W3C standards, cross-browser/platform development, accessibility, and a solid understanding of the principles of information architecture. I have the ability to quickly hand-code clean HTML/CSS from Photoshop mock-ups and wire frames, with understanding of interaction design and user-centered design methods and practices.

Skills and Qualifications

Development *Front-End:* HTML, XML/XSLT, CSS, JavaScript: jQuery, Dojo, AJAX
Coding Environment/CMS: PHP, JSP, ASP .NET (C#), ColdFusion, OmniUpdate, Hobsons, SiteCore, SiteFinity, Hybris, and Phone Gap

Developer Tools W3C Validators, Internet Explorer Developer Tools, Firefox Developer Tools, FireBug

Tools *Project Management:* Jira, QuickBase, @Task, ChangePoint
Bug Tracking: Jira SiteLife, BugZilla
Versioning: Tortoise SVN, Versions, git, VisualSVN, FileHampster
Other: The Platform, Vidego, Cogix, Convio

Links *LinkedIn:* <http://www.linkedin.com/in/dessin>

Work Experience

Web Developer (Independent Contractor), 02/2004 to Present

Chicago, Illinois

- Designing and hand-coding semantic websites using HTML/CSS3, JavaScript with jQuery, AJAX, PHP, MySQL, XML/ XSLT
- Designing and maintaining a variety of single and multi-page websites for clients
- Created symptom checker tool for American Academy of Pediatrics (<http://www.healthychildren.org/english/tips-tools/symptom-checker/Pages/default.aspx>) using XHTML/CSS3 and jQuery as a short-term contractor
- Modified and reformatted templates for 60+ online news publications, including Suntimes.com, using XHTML/CSS3 and JavaScript with jQuery framework as a short-term contractor
- Worked with third-party affiliates in implementing Sun-Times Media templates, including trouble-shooting and modified page structure
- Provided both front- and back-end web development using XHTML/CSS3, PHP, and JavaScript, as well as, bug-fixing and QA testing for PizzaHut.com redesign with primary focus on IE6 with Quik Order as a short-term contractor
- Executing cross-browser QA testing and debugging, including Firefox, IE6 – IE9, Chrome, and Safari (MAC and PC)
- Developing web standards and ensuring accessibility and W3C compliance
- Producing web assets, by slicing and editing images in Photoshop and page layout
- Utilizing experience and judgment to plan around milestone schedules
- Managing multiple deadline driven projects

Senior Front-End Web Developer, 07/2010 to Present

Acquity Group, Chicago, Illinois

- Producing HTML/CSS page templates from master source documents for integrating into desktop and mobile web applications
- Operating as lead front-end developer for several high-end, distinguished clients
- Assisting in the development of standards, methodologies and repeatable processes for delivery of creative services
- Architecting and developing front-end solutions including HTML/CSS templates, JavaScript (both jQuery and dojo frameworks) and AJAX code, and rich media production and integration
- Solving complex design problems and achieve the highest quality design while pushing the boundaries of rich media online applications
- Mentoring Junior Front-End Developers to further their knowledge and professional growth
- Understanding of W3C and Accessibility guidelines
- Working quickly but with a strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Understanding cross-browser and cross-platform concepts and concerns
- Participating in small, self organized development teams utilizing agile development methodologies

Front-End Web Developer (Contractor at Whittman Hart), 12/2009 to 07/2010

Instant Technology, Chicago, Illinois

- Contracting with Whittman Hart as a front-end web developer
- Hand-coding pixel-perfect website for client, Saatchi & Saatchi (ILOVENY.com) using XHTML/CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery framework, AJAX in a .NET environment
- Creating templates within SiteCore and Sitefinity
- Developing code templates within Visual Studio 2008
- Produced web assets, by slicing and editing images in Photoshop

Web Developer (Contractor at University of Chicago Booth), 02/2009 to 08/2009

The Creative Group/Robert Half Technology, Chicago, Illinois

- Contracted with University of Chicago Booth School of Business in both front- and back-end web development
- Hand-coded semantic web pages and micro-sites in an agile environment using XHTML/CSS3, jQuery, AJAX, XML/ XSLT, along with RSS and Web Service integration
- Produced web assets, by slicing and editing images in Photoshop
- Integrated web services, APIs, and Google Mash-ups
- Developed within OmniUpdate, Hobsons, Cogix for polls and surveys, Convio for emails, surveys, and database management
- Executed cross-browser QA testing and debugging, including Firefox (PC/MAC), IE7, IE6, and Safari (PC/MAC)

Front-End Web Developer, 06/2008 to 01/2009

Acquity Group, Chicago, Illinois

- Project lead for camaraderie committee used to enhance retention and inter-office cohesion
- Project lead for coordinating inter-office HTML coding standards process
- Hand-coded pure pixel-perfect HTML/CSS templates and project work files using XHTML/CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery framework, AJAX (Spry), and XML/ XSLT that validate to W3C standards in an agile environment
- Reviewed deliverable code/pages for cross-platform and cross-browser defeats and bugs, including Firefox (PC/MAC), IE7, IE6, and Safari (PC/MAC)
- Assisted in the development of standards, methodologies and repeatable processes for delivery of creative services
- Participated in small, self organized development teams utilizing agile development methodologies

Web Marketing Developer, 04/2007 to 06/2008

Lightology, Chicago, Illinois

- Programmed online store (lightology.com and modernlighting.com) and intranet using XHTML/CSS3, JavaScript, script.aculo.us/Prototype framework, AJAX, PHP, MySQL, MSSQL, and ColdFusion
- Produced web assets, by slicing and editing images in Photoshop
- Implemented website optimization and search optimization
- Monitored status and progress of websites with Google Analytics
- Tested website for functionality for cross-browser and cross-platform issues and enforced coding W3C standards
- Fixed server- and client-side errors generated on website

Education

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, 08/1997 to 05/2002

Major: Professional and Technical Communications, Bachelor of Science Degree

Minor: Management

Specialization: CAD & Graphics Design for Non-Engineers