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Summary

Me: Almost 10 years creating web content and media whether hobby, freelance, contract, or staffed. I have worked with a number of different languages, platforms, and software methodologies, but my **current** skill set includes:

Languages: XHTML, CSS, Ruby, PHP, JavaScript, SQL

Platforms: OSX, Debian, FreeBSD

Tools: Agile & Extreme Programming, BDD, RSpec, Git, Capistrano, MySQL, prefer Emacs to Vim or TextMate.

Professional Experience

Software Engineer, Follett Software Corporation; McHenry, IL March 2009 - Present

Brought on board to assist in salvation and further development of software acquired in an acquisition. Expanded functionality of PHP based Cafescribe.com, which is used by tens of thousands DeVry University students every year. Responsible for overhauling the administrative application for support staff of Cafescribe.com, a Ruby on Rails application.

Helped lead effort to stress test proprietary CafeScribe ebook DRM server and address problem areas. Resulted in throughput increasing from tens of requests per second, to 240+ requests per second per server.

Software Engineer, Northeast Service Cooperative; Mtn. Iron, MN November 2007- March 2009

Responsible for development of in-house administrative applications, all of which were Ruby on Rails based. Responsible for web and database server maintenance, application deployment, and server tuning. Provided basic network support for large WAN connecting a number of public schools in Northern Minnesota.

Contractor, Duluth, MN May 2007-November 2007

Contracted with a number of web design and development shops in Northern Minnesota. The large majority of work was Ruby on Rails based with some PHP applications and static XHTML sites in the mix.

Personal/Open Source

Editor, Rails Magazine; January 2009 - Present

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Was an early supporter of Rails Magazine. Wrote an article about Ruby on Rails plugin development for the first issue and joined as an Editor shortly after. Technically and grammatically edited articles, participated in weekly group meetings and helped shape the direction of Rails Magazine.

<http://railsmagazine.com/authors/2>

Ruby on Rails Wiki Team; Ongoing

Collaborated with a small team to organize and generate useful information for the official Ruby on Rails Wiki. Personally wrote a number of pages.

<http://wiki.rubyonrails.org/contributing/wiki-team>

FOSSCasts.com

Creator of popular weekly screencasts covering a different Open Source technology such as GNU Screen and Git. Featured on the popular FLOSS Weekly podcast with Leo Laporte.

Learned basic video editing with Final Cut Pro & Apple Motion.

<http://fosscasts.com>

Education

Lake Superior College, Duluth, MN - AAS Computer Science 2007
University of Minnesota - Duluth, Duluth, MN - Elementary Education - 2005

Referrals and Code Samples

Available upon request.