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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Obtain a challenging position as a Web Designer / Developer in a professional and dynamic environment.

EXPERIENCE

User Interface Design and Development

December 2010 to Present

The Warranty Group, Inc | Chicago, IL

Member of a special projects team providing browser based application development for insurance and warranty systems

- Work with business documents to identify project objectives and requirements.
- Provide concepts and strategies that support business objectives.
- Create wireframes, design specifications and mockups based on site architecture.
- Create graphic and navigational design elements.
- Utilize HTML, CSS, JS, etc. to develop navigation systems, mockups and page templates.
- Work with Java developers to merger frontend and backend code.

User Interface Design – Information Architect

March 29th – June 30th, 2010

ADP (Automatic Data Processing, Inc.) | Alpharetta, GA

Member of an in-house web development team, providing business outsourcing solutions for the widest range of HR, payroll, tax and benefits administration solutions from a single source

- Collaborated with business analysts to identify project objectives, requirements and timelines.
- Participated in brainstorming and collaborative design sessions.
- Provided User Interface design and site architecture for an online flexible spending account management system for corporate clients and employee participants.
- Met with developers to ensure design and functionality feasibility
- Utilized the iRise visualization platform to re-design the existing business system and to assemble working detailed prototypes that mimic the new look and feel and that overall simulate the behavior and functionality of the final product.
- Presented usability simulations to business analysts, developers, managers and stakeholders.

Web User Interface Developer

November 2008 – July 2009

Veracity Payment Solutions | Atlanta, GA

Member of an in-house web development team for a merchant services start-up company

- User interface / user experience designer for an online merchant services reporting application
- Maintained the corporate web site as needed
- Created web site storyboards and design mockups using Photoshop, Illustrator and Acrobat
- Created web site design templates utilizing cross platform / cross browser compatible HTML / XHTML and CSS coding – (table-less and standards compliant)
- Implemented client-site JavaScript programming to create dynamic and interactive menu systems, menu trees, form validations and error handling cues

- Utilized Firebug within the Firefox browser to debug and analyze Web/HTML pages
- Graphic design, motion graphics and animation design using Photoshop, Illustrator and Flash
- Utilized W3 coding standards for Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and basic Accessibility requirements
- Worked in parallel with the development team merging backend programming with frontend code
- Communicated with management regarding priorities, progress and issues that may affect project development
- Encouraged new ideas and creative solutions

Sr. Web Designer

October 1998 – March 2008

The Warranty Group, Inc | Chicago, IL

Member of an in-house web development team for a world premier provider of extended warranty programs and related benefits for the auto, home, consumer goods and travel industries

- User interface / user experience designer for B2B / B2C web sites and browser based business applications
- Provided UI / UX design for Ecommerce based applications
- Created web site storyboards and design mockups using Photoshop, Illustrator and Acrobat
- Created web site design templates utilizing cross platform / cross browser compatible HTML / XHTML and CSS coding – (table-less and standards compliant)
- Implemented client-site JavaScript programming to create dynamic and interactive menu systems, menu trees, form validations and error handling cues
- Utilized Firebug within the Firefox browser to debug and analyze Web/HTML pages
- Graphic design, motion graphics and animation design using Photoshop, Illustrator and Flash
- Maintained style guides and visual standards
- Provided as well as received coaching, feedback and critique of design work and functionality with project teams
- Worked in parallel with the development team merging backend programming with frontend code
- Participated in standing iteration meetings to identify daily tasks and to ensure project timelines are being achieved
- Communicated with the client and business analysts to understand business strategies and user requirements and needs
- Communicated with management regarding priorities, progress and issues that may affect project development
- Maintained, enhanced and optimized existing web sites
- Utilized W3 coding standards for Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and basic Accessibility requirements
- Assisted to establish and refine the team's overall work processes, practices and standards
- Encouraged new ideas and creative solutions

Fire Direction Specialist

May 1996 – October 1998

United States Army, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery | Fort Sill, OK

Active Service Member

- Over two years of military experience with an emphasis in team work, specific skills training, self-reliance and dependability
- Served as a member of a complex weapons system team during military service
- Informally supervised and trained new personnel on job skills as needed

- Utilized a mobile computer to input necessary data for the weapons system
- Operated and performed preventive maintenance on equipment and vehicles
- Drove light wheeled and track vehicles, accident free
- Operated and maintained communication equipment, performed troubleshooting on electronics
- Was held responsible for vehicles and equipment that exceeded one million dollars in value
- Performed duties of a higher rank than the one currently held
- Combat Lifesaver Certified
- Granted a Secret Security Clearance during military service
- Commended by superiors for outstanding job performance
- Awarded The Army Achievement Medal
- Honorably Discharged

EDUCATION

The Art Institute of Atlanta | Atlanta, GA
March 2008 - Present
Currently Seeking BFA, Graphic Design

Columbia College Chicago | Chicago, IL
2003-2006, Interactive Multimedia

Purdue University-Calumet | Hammond, IN
1995, General Studies

Indiana University | Bloomington, IN
1990-1991, General Studies

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS

Hardware:

- PC, Mac

Software:

- Proficient in Photoshop, Illustrator, Home Site, Dreamweaver, WebSphere / RAD and TopStyle
- Proficient in Visio, Acrobat Pro and in iRise – Experienced 7.3
- Working Knowledge of Contribute and Flash

Programming:

- Expert knowledge of HTML and CSS (ability to hand code)
- Working knowledge of JavaScript
- Working knowledge of XHTML, XML
- Working knowledge of SEO and Accessibility standards

Qualifications:

- 10+ years of experience on an ecommerce team for an international Fortune 500 company
- A consummate professional with unquestionable work ethic
- A focused team player with excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Uses time efficiently; establishes and manages priorities effectively
- Strong creative and organizational skills with exceptional attention to detail
- Delivers high quality work in a timely manner; exceeds expectations; meets dead lines
- Ability to manage multiple projects in a fast-paced environment

- Evolves through self development; seeks knowledge on emerging tools, techniques and technologies
- Affable and good humored

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Interests:**

- Art, Guitar/Music, Film/Animation, Theatre
- Aikido, Physical Fitness, Mountain Biking, Golf