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PROFILE

I have over 15 years of basic web development experience (HTML/JavaScript and, more recently, CSS and XHTML) and nearly 10 years of PHP/MySQL experience. These are the areas I specialize in now but nearly 30 years of programming experience in a variety of languages and various platforms gives me a good conceptual understanding that I have found very useful in problem solving. My background and experience enable me to "think outside the box" and approach problems from a variety of angles. This has, on many occasions, enabled me to find solutions where all my colleagues said there was none. I specialize in rapid development and prefer phased deployment of projects. I am looking for part-time work - 10 to 20 hours per week.

EXPERIENCE

Web Developer / Programmer, CastoWare Programming & Consulting 1995 - Present

Developed and maintain various websites that use HTML, JavaScript, PHP and MySQL with back ends to streamline site admin.

Asian Fighting Arts - <http://asianfightingarts.com>

Sikal Tactical Combatives - <http://sikaltactical.com>

Sikal Tactical Member Site - <http://members.sikaltactical.com> (Subscription based member site)

Louisville Martial Arts Academy - <http://louisvillemartialarts.net>

Meg Westlake's Running Site - <http://megwestlake.com>

Martial Arts School Database - <http://schools.guild-hall.com>

Martial Arts Seminar Pages - <http://seminars.guild-hall.com>

Developed a tool that uses XAMPP Lite (<http://apachefriends.org>) to run a PHP application from a USB Drive that helps service technicians analyze GPS data logs on tug boats to help them resolve problems in the navigation system.

Used PHP and MySQL to develop the calendar and scheduling functionality for ParentTime.Net (<http://parenttime.net>). Also designed and developed a directory for this site that people can use to find a Family Law Attorney in their area.

Developed the Reservation Calendar and the calendar back end management tool for Puerto Vallarta Condo - Mexico Vacation Rental (<http://puertovallarta-condorental.com>)

Used HTML, JavaScript, ColdFusion and PHP on a variety of projects using both MySQL and Oracle databases. I have spent the past year updating my knowledge of XHTML and CSS and have been working to upgrade the structure of the sites I maintain to conform to these standards.

I also have 10 years of video editing experience and have used this skill to edit and produce video content for the Sikal Tactical Member Site. This content - martial arts training video clips - is delivered through a commercial Flash container (WimpyPlayer). I set up a Cron job to run a PHP/MySQL script that maintains the video and article content for this site. The script automatically pulls the next item from the queue to be

released and archives content after three months. Since video clips can consume a lot of drive space I used the Amazon S3 Service to store these clips for both the queue and the archival.

Applications Developer, The Berry Company; Dayton, OH 1998 - 1999

Developed telephony applications using Visual BASIC and Oracle to handle data connectivity to a Genesys server for call centers.

Programmer/Consultant, Independent Consultant; Dayton, OH 1997 - 1998

Developed an award-winning (APPY Award, 1998) Visual BASIC application that automated the process of building web pages and greatly increased the productivity of the New Media Group of the Berry Company.

Programmer, United Grinding Technologies; Dayton, OH 1996 - 1997

Merged several FileMaker Pro databases into a single entity and streamlined the process for handling orders in the Spare Parts Sales department. My improvements to the database were directly responsible for a 130% increase in sales revenue (\$600,000 in 1996 to \$1.4 million in 1997)

SPECIAL SKILL/EXPERIENCE

I am also an author. Thus far I have had a couple of short stories, several online articles and a martial arts book published. I wrote the cover article for the November 2007 issue of Tae Kwon Do Times. I am good with the English language and grammar in general. I'm not interested in writing content for clients but do have the skills, if necessary, for basic proofreading or editing of provided content.