Chris Hickerson / Journalist + Developer

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Experience

WordPress Engineer @ DEG Digital | August 2014 - Present
- Built custom WordPress plugins and themes for clients of varying sizes including integrations with third-party services and APIs
- Custom site builds almost always required well more than standard theming and custom post type, often including integrations with client's enterprise software

Front End Web Developer @ Penton Media | November 2013 - August 2014
- Worked with Angular.js to build complex, data-driven web applications
- Built products that utilized multiple, complex back end systems including Drupal, MongoDB, and C# .Net simultaneously

Front End Web Developer @ Colorado Springs Gazette | January 2013 – November 2013
- Developed for the Gazette.com's custom CMS using HTML, JavaScript, jQuery, CSS
- Designed, built, implemented, and supported all online production from the Gazette including a large WordPress MU installation and several Drupal projects
- Managed and built, from concept to completion, special projects including one-off designed projects, database driven pages, information mapping pages, and etc.
- Ensured that all developed projects were both stable under heavy loads and easily maintained by non-technical staff
- Provided real-time support and development on multiple disaster related news projects — such as interactive evacuation maps — for the Black Forest Fire and the 500-year flood events of September 2013

Web Designer @ Tulsa World | November 2010 - June 2013
- Used HTML, CSS and JavaScript including extensive usage of jQuery to improve user experience and create advanced database visualizations
- Extensive use of Google Maps API and Google Fusion Tables API to create large, complex dynamic maps and databases Created site elements, mock-ups, and graphics using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Fireworks

Awards

2014 Pulitzer Prize for *Other Than Honorable*, developed with writing by Dave Philipps and photography by Michael Ciaglo @ *Colorado Springs Gazette*

Education

Bachelor of Science in Journalism @ University of Kansas