

# Chris Hickerson // Developer and Journalist

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## History

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### **Full Stack Engineer** at Chalkbeat - 4 years

- Worked with Editorial, Product, and Revenue teams as well as external groups to support and expand our coverage on education and equity
- Simultaneously planned and developed a variety of internal and public facing projects with deadlines ranging from hours to months
- Defined team processes for productivity, site stability, and project management
- Responsible for stability and reliability of all site operations and integrations including analytics (Google Analytics), ads (Google Ad Manager, Broadstreet), payments (Stripe), newsletter sending and signups (MailChimp, Pardot)
- Planned, designed, and developed a wide array of reusable editorial graphics and article treatments for use by the Product Team as well as bureau reporters

### **WordPress Engineer** at DEG Digital - 2 years

- Built custom WordPress plugins and themes for clients with needs including integrations with third-party services, APIs, and enterprise systems

### **Web Developer** at Colorado Springs Gazette - 1 year

### **Web Designer** at Tulsa World - 2 years

## Technical Skills

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**Languages:** PHP, Python, JavaScript, CSS

**Databases:** MySQL, MariaDB, SQLite

**Libraries:** WordPress, Node.js, gulp, React.js, Vue.js, Sass, Leaflet.js, Google APIs, Pardot API, Stripe API, Google Ad Manager, Google Analytics, Cloudflare, New Relic, AWS

## Awards

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### **2014 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting** Awarded for *Other Than*

*Honorable:* Developed presentation and visualizations with reporting by Dave Philipps and photography by Michael Ciaglo while at the *Colorado Springs Gazette*

## Education

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**Bachelor of Science in Journalism** @ University of Kansas