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Summary

Seeking a contract information architecture position encompassing user interface design and human factors engineering for rich Internet applications, interactive TV and mobile devices.

Experience

Trade-Specific Skills: Proficient in requirements-gathering, use-case generation, application/site mapping, interaction model and wireframe design, authoring of functional specifications and 2- and 10-foot experiences.

Web-based Technologies: Proficient in ASP 3.0 development, JavaScript (client-side and server-side JScript), VBScript (server-side), HTML, DHTML, Cascading Style Sheets, SQL Server 7.0, and IIS 5.0. Familiar with XSL, PHP, and MySQL.

Applications: Proficient with Microsoft Office, Visio, OmniGraffle, Adobe Photoshop, Macromedia Homesite, Dreamweaver MX, Visual Source Safe, PVCS, and most client-side Web development applications.

Operating Systems: Proficient with Windows and Macintosh operating systems.

Professional Experience

Web Consultant / Information Architect August 2003 to Present
Natural Structure, Inc. – Denver, Colorado and Los Angeles, California

Have worked with multiple clients on projects ranging from component-level deliverables to complete online solutions. Being completely independent, this enlisted multiple roles: development of requirements documents, one-on-one communication with clients, project management, information architecture, graphic and user-interface design, as well as client- and server-side scripting and production work. Primary clients include Visual Impax, Connects-Us, UrbanTrans Consultants, The Gill Foundation, Texture Media, CMC Group, and Beauty Collection (currently in process).

Senior Associate, Creative Design / Information Architect July 2007 to April 2008
Sapient Corporation – Santa Monica, California

Worked with projects to develop wireframes for primarily Web-based solutions. Projects have included high-level and secondary section redesigns for Disneyworld.com and a complete redesign about to be release for PublicStorage.com.

Information Architect September 2005 to May 2007
Schematic, Los Angeles, California.

Responsible for the architecture phase of multiple projects at a time, each of which involved gathering feature requirements based on client meetings, project scoping, application/site mapping, use-case generation, design of interaction models and wireframes and authoring of functional specifications. Project work has encompassed both 2- and 10-foot experiences, which require differing styles of architecture. Nine months of work involved acting as the senior information architect in a project management office (PMO) on six concurrent projects for The Disney Channel / ABC.

Continued

Los Angeles Division Manager / User Interface Designer March 2005 to September 2005
Architekture.com – Denver, Colorado and Los Angeles, California.

Responsible for managing the relationship and developing user interfaces for a government-related role-play simulation project in Los Angeles. This involved daily face-to-face interaction on-site with the client, conducting requirements gathering meetings, and acting as an intermediary for communication between them and the Denver development office.

Webmaster December 2002 to July 2003
New Frontier Media - Boulder, Colorado.

Worked in a small team to maintain and create new versions of our primary Web site, TEN.com. Helped to create innovative solutions by leveraging dynamic technologies including Flash and PHP. Additional responsibilities include supporting members' technical issues, updating content on a daily basis, and working with the marketing team to promote and drive traffic to our site.

Macromedia Instructor March 2002 to August 2002
Macromedia, GT Alliance – Denver, Colorado.

Worked with GT Alliance, a Macromedia Authorized Training Partner, to lead several "Fast Track to Flash MX" courses. Each course lasted for two days and involved hands-on teaching in a group of six to 15 students. Will be working further with Macromedia to teach courses directly for them.

Web Consultant February 2001 to May 2002
Qwest Interactive, Qwest Communications, Intl. – Denver, Colorado.

Orchestrated development between the creative and technical services groups to design and deploy Web sites for clients. The majority of this involved the use HTML and client-side JavaScript with strong emphasis on browser-compatibility standards. More recent projects enlisted the use of XSL in developing interfaces for use with server-generated XML.

Developer August 1996 to January 2001
iXL – Denver, Colorado.

Primary work included working closely with designers to conceptualize concepts in HTML and develop those to a final product which was integrated with server-side applications. Sites heavily involved with included Budget Rent a Car, Ark Trust, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Universal Studios Florida, Express Clothing, HP CapShare, Colorado Rockies, and over 30 others.

Redesigned, coded and deployed the office's intranet site using ASP-driven pages with VBScript on the front-end and SQL 7 as the database. Additional initiatives included development of a biography publishing system, training class registration application, and preliminary architecture and design of a knowledge management system.

Education & Training

Pursuing B.S. in marketing and information systems - College of Business, University of Colorado at Denver and Boulder. In process of transferring to UCLA for completion.