Jason Graening

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Professional Experience

November 2018 - Present • Forum Communications Company

Senior Software Engineer

- Assisted in developing and migrating 20+ newspaper websites onto the CUE CMS platform using HTML/CSS, Javascript, Twig, and PHP.
- Helped implement Piano, a third-party SaaS Javascript based paywall system.
- Wrote custom APIs that sent and received data with third party services, such as Sailthru, Piano, Google Drive, Whizti and Olive Software.
- Served as a technical liaison between vendors and the engineering team.
- Managed support efforts to assist internal users and prioritize and complete interrupt driven work.
- Worked and collaborated in an Agile environment to ensure tasks were completed on time.
- Hosted monthly SDLC meetings to discuss and document workflows and processes with the engineering team.
- Assisted and mentored a team of software engineers on a regular basis.

September 2011 - November 2018 • Forum Communications Company

Mobile App Developer

- Created native mobile apps for iOS and Android using Objective-C, Java, and Titanium Appcelerator.
- Launched 11 newspaper and two television native iOS/Android apps.
- Created specialty apps for NDSU sports, weather related school/business closings, iPad specific newspaper app, and a location based mobile coupon app.
- Set up push notification capabilities using Backendless and wrote custom APIs to send data to the apps.

May 2004 - September 2011 • Forum Communications Company

Developer II

- Developed and maintained code and databases for all of the Forum Communication newspaper websites and secondary websites.
- Lead developer on classified ad website solutions for JobsHQ and ApartmentsHQ using ColdFusion.
- Lead developer for internal online advertising sales and communication software that bridged together the sales, creative, and advertising teams.
- Provided support for internal and external users and solved issues in a timely manner.
- Assisted team members on reaching goals and meeting deadlines.

Education

September 2002 - May 2004 • Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Diploma, Internet Design Technology

- Dean's List; 3.8 G.P.A.
- Courses: Website Design, Graphic Design, JavaScript, PHP Web Programming, XML, CGI/PERL, Web Marketing, System Administration, Multimedia Web Design.

Technical Skills

- Proficient in HTML5, CSS3 (SASS), Javascript, PHP, MySQL, Java, Objective-C, SQL, Coldfusion, Git.
- Developed websites that are cross browser/cross platform compatible with a focus on mobile first design methodologies.
- Understanding of tools used for measuring website performance and knowledge to make continuous improvements based on performance audits.
- Experience with WordPress and Drupal platforms and the Bootstrap framework.
- Relational database design using MySQL and MSSQL.
- Digital photography and audio/video editing.

Volunteer Service

- Helped design and deploy a WordPress website for the annual Roger Maris Celebrity Golf Tournament.
- Served as a leader of the Culture Committee at Forum Communications to support and provide a friendly and positive work environment for all.
- Drum Sergeant for Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums, a local non-profit bagpipe band that performs in several events in cities around the North Dakota/Minnesota region.
- Volunteer at Cat's Cradle, a local cat shelter, to ensure that the animals are clean, fed and taken care of on a weekly basis.
- Cooked and provided meals for 12-15 homeless individuals at the Dorothy Day House on a monthly basis.
- Member of the Web Development Advisory Committee for MSCTC.