

MICHAEL PLANT

OBJECTIVE

I have worn many hats and I have come to an understanding of what precisely about my job I love most. I love building great sites for great people, while keeping all the standards and best practices in mind. I am constantly learning new ways of showing the value in cross browser compliance by constantly testing and experimenting with today's top technologies. I have experience in everything from PHP and MySQL to ASP.NET/SQL Server, and have recently began experimenting with iPad/iPhone development. I have a knack for UI development and architecture, and have extensive experience with Javascript, CSS and XHTML.

EXPERIENCE

2008-Present Blackbird Interactive Cleveland, OH

Front-End UI Developer

Blackbird Interactive was a remarkable opportunity for me and I have really begun to spread my wings. What started as a freelancing opportunity just doing site templates has grown into so much more. Working alongside a high paced video production studio has really pushed us into a leading role at this new start-up in Cleveland. Since coming on full-time at the end of 2008 I have helped push Blackbird forward through fast deadlines and large projects with minimal man-hours, implementing standards and frameworks in areas of re-work and streamlining production while still keeping us agile. I have learned what a small company can do and that the unique abilities of it's members is what really helps it grow. Currently focused on an in-house content management system while learning CSS3 and HTML 5 to offer iPhone and mobile versions of our sites to our clients, we are beginning development on a few iPhone and iPad applications.

At Blackbird I am principal developer so I have my hand in every development project. From steering the user interface elements in our recent iPad applications to optimizing databases and analyzing ecommerce solutions for our upcoming clients; I am there.

- Experienced in all new delivery methods.
- iOS/Android development experience.
- Open Source development evangelist and contributor.

2008 Digital Day Creative Group Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Web Designer and CSS Developer

As the primary go to guy at Digital Day I was offered a wealth of opportunities to create excellent products for their clients. Dabbling in everything including JavaScript, ASP.NET, the occasional PHP and was an integral part of creating great user interfaces, even one involving a Kiosk. Working in a fast paced collaborative environment taught me to stay organized and how to take ownership on projects with minimal direction.

At Digital Day I primarily created templates from Photoshop files, keeping accessibility and compliance in mind continuously. This allowed me to sharpen my CSS skills and take on some much needed on the job experience. Since, I have improved, not only the pace at which I create compliant cross-browser sites but I have developed an expert understanding of the issues caused by browsers and have minimized the testing phases by avoiding common pitfalls.

- Expert in CSS and XHTML Development
- Passionate about Usability and Best Practices

2007–2008 Thetawave Inc Chagrin Falls, OH

Web Designer and Developer

As a Web Developer I work primarily in ASP.NET, VB, and utilize SQL to manage our data structure, however, my personal experience gives us the unique ability to offer PHP, AJAX, MySQL integration with our existing applications. This gives me a very free environment to development as necessary on a

custom basis, depending on each application's needs.

As a Web Designer I satisfy my urges for design by planning and focusing content by adhering to accessibility standards and strive to maintain web standards across each user interface, understanding the gaps between design and development helps me manage the life-cycle more effectively and efficiently.

I have custom designed many applications, as well as integrated many new parts to existing applications; I have created a simple CMS using a database and dynamic pages, as well as created and managed .NET back end user interfaces using Profiles and Roles. During my time with Thetawave Inc I have learned a tremendous amount about the business application of web development, how to properly plan data structure in keeping with site stability and structure, the use of tables in respect to data display and manipulation, I could go on and on.

- Extensive .NET, ASP, PHP, SQL, MySQL, XHTML, CSS experience
- Familiar with all Microsoft and Adobe Software Products (All suites)

2004-2007 Freelance/Retainer Design and Development Everywhere

Web Designer, Developer

After designing, and developing a Business Listing portal, I also created a internet based data entry software solution that helped manage and implement the population of the data into the database. With no prior experience I implemented AJAX search and category functionality as well as created a custom Membership Provider using PHP and MySQL. I started doing so much work I left school to pursue my career. I have gained most of my experience hwile working for other companies but my freelance work helped me become what I am today.

- Designed, developed, and deployed a data management application and Membership Provider.
- Designed and Developed two XHTML, CSS dynamic radio station sites.
- Custom PHP, MySQL news and sports sections with membership provider.
- Worked closely with General Manger on station web imaging and programming.

EDUCATION

2005-2006 Central Wyoming College Riverton, WY

AAS - CNET - Web Designer option

- Well versed in PHP, MySQL, XHTML, and CSS standards
- President's List for carrying a full-time GPA of 4.0 in Fall 2006
- Current 3.84 Cumulative GPA (20 credits to graduation)

2004-2005 University of Akron Akron, OH

BS – Computer Science

- Taught the basics of logic and programming
- English, Business, Accounting
- Dean's List for carrying a full-time GPA above 3.5 in Fall 2005

1995-1999 Firestone High School Akron, OH

Graduated with Honours in Science and Math

- Graduated 1999