
profile

I've been working with the web in one form or another for nearly 6 years and over that time I've been involved with a range of projects, from small static brochure sites for SME's and multi-lingual projects for continental Europe, through to custom CMS driven sites and large intranet projects based on open source CMS. I am able to work through the entire life cycle of a project, including planning, design, building, testing and launch.

I have a real drive and passion for what I do, and I find the process of learning new skills as exciting as putting them into practice. I am equally comfortable working as part of a team or on my own, but I usually prefer a healthy mix of both.

skills

- Hand-coded (X)HTML & CSS
- jQuery
- Dreamweaver
- Photoshop
- Flash
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- PHP
- Understanding of progressive enhancement & graceful degradation
- Cross-browser compatibility
- Thorough understanding of accessibility and web standards
- Knowledge of organic search engine optimisation techniques

work examples

www.heyhudson.com (personal portfolio)
www.heyhudson.com/nucleuschange
www.manheim.pt
www.jealousrecords.com
www.heyhudson.com/ipod
www.heyhudson.com/intrigue
www.heyhudson.com/douglastodd
www.heyhudson.com/customcms

education

University of Derby (Sept 2004 - June 2006)
FdA New Media Design & Production
Pass with Merit

Derby Tertiary College: Wilmorton (Sept 1997 - June 1999)
A Level Psychology, English and Media Studies

Chellaston Secondary School (Sept 1992 - June 1997)
G.C.S.E 9 Higher Grade passes

employment

Front-end Web Developer

Capita NHS Choices, Leeds (May 2009 - present)

In my current role, I work as a Front-end Web Developer on www.nhs.uk. Working in a team alongside four .NET/SharePoint developers, it is my responsibility to create XHTML and CSS to very strict standards and guidelines.

One of the major parts of my job is to take Photoshop mock-ups from the design team in London and turn them into high quality XHTML and CSS templates. Part of this process requires me to review the mock-ups and identify any issues, such as potential accessibility concerns, feasibility of the designs, and consistency across the site as a whole. Once any issues have been resolved, I then liaise with the .NET developers who integrate the back-end into the templates. As well as creating markup from scratch, I am also involved in fixing defects and responding to error reports on the site. To do this requires fast diagnostic skills and good understanding of cross-browser issues.

Although my role is not as a back-end developer, I have learnt a great deal about the areas of .NET and SharePoint which have helped me to understand how my role fits into the project as a whole. I have also increased my knowledge of accessibility a huge amount, including screen readers and W3C/WCAG standards. The project also has input from the RNIB, as well as having in-house technical authorities on accessibility and front-end architecture who are always available for advice.

Whilst this role is not as design-orientated as my previous positions, it affords me a great opportunity to work on a large-scale project and to expand my skills in new areas of design and development.

Web Designer / Senior Designer

Manheim Auctions, Leeds (Oct 2006 - May 2009)

I worked on a range of projects at Manheim, from small banner adverts and HTML e-mails, through to designing and implementing a group-wide intranet and creating sites for the company's European operation. I also worked on projects for high-profile clients such as BMW, Toyota and Daimler Chrysler.

As the Senior Designer, I assisted the Design Manager in running the department, including acting as the main point-of-contact in his absence, mentoring other members of the team, being involved in the recruitment process and being responsible for supply procurement.

Graphic Designer / Web Developer

University of Derby Students' Union, Derby (Nov 2004 - Sept 2006)

Working part-time during my studies, I was involved in all aspects of Union marketing, from creating posters and flyers for events, through to working on the Union's custom CMS driven website and being responsible for the re-design and launch of the website for the Union's satellite campus in Buxton.

Senior Nursing Assistant

Aston Hall Hospital, Derby (March 1997 - Dec 2004)

Care of adults with severe learning disabilities, autism and challenging behaviour. As a senior member of staff, I was responsible for organisation within the team, delegation of duties and mentoring new members of staff in an often highly stressful and challenging environment. I also undertook and passed a medication course, enabling me to administer prescribed medications to service users, requiring me to liaise with healthcare professionals and the multi-disciplinary team.

references

Available on request