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Projects & Experience

VersaPay (versapay.com) - Front End Developer (2010 - Present)

VersaPay is a publicly traded Canadian company making it easier for businesses to pay each other. As the Front-End Developer for a Ruby on Rails payment application, I'm in charge of providing our users with an intuitive, reliable interface.

During my 2 years at VersaPay I have:

- ❖ Developed 100's of screens and interactions using HAML, SASS, Javascript, and Ruby
- ❖ Practiced Test Driven Development with RSpec, Cucumber, and Jasmine
- ❖ Used Git and Continuous Integration, taken part in Pair Programming & Peer Code Reviews

ActiveAdmin (activeadmin.info) - Core Contributor, Designer (2010 - Present)

ActiveAdmin is an open source project started by a co-worker ([@gregbell](https://twitter.com/gregbell)) to make it incredibly easy for developers to build beautiful, powerful admin interfaces for Rails apps. This is currently my favourite project to work on: I have the opportunity to design and develop features for a project that makes life much easier for both developers and end-users.

My contributions on this project include:

- ❖ Designing and implementing several major features using Ruby, RSpec and Cucumber
- ❖ Answering support questions and helping to foster a community around ActiveAdmin
- ❖ Smashing bugs

BC Liquor Locator (bcliquorlocator.com) - Creator (2010)

BC Liquor Locator is an app I built in my spare time to solve a problem had by many British Columbians: finding the closest open liquor store. This is my first attempt to promote and market my own product, the process continues to provide me with opportunities to learn more about technology, design and people.

Currently this project consists of:

- ❖ A native iPhone App currently available in the App Store
- ❖ A soon-to-be-launched Backbone.js mobile site
- ❖ A Ruby on Rails JSON API with a [Mechanize](#) scraper to update store information

Projects & Experience (continued)

Orange Peel Media (orange-peel.ca) - Front End Development Contractor (2009)

Orange Peel Media hired me to develop the Front End of AdviceTap: a social network to help professional consultants connect. While working here I developed a useable, reliable interface with HTML/CSS, Javascript and Ruby under tight deadlines and a limited budget.

Knowledge Network (knowledge.ca) - Practicum iPhone Developer (2009)

Knowledge Network is a popular educational public broadcaster in British Columbia. At end of my Interactive Design program at Cap U, I spent a 3 month practicum developing a prototype iPhone App to allow viewers to stream Knowledge programs from their phones.

Education

Interactive Design Program @ Capilano University - Student (2007-2009)

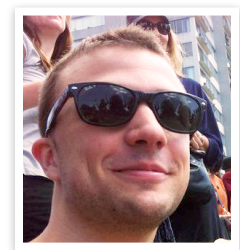
Capilano U's Interactive Design Program provides a great introduction to HTML/CSS, Javascript, PHP, SQL, Photoshop & Illustrator, Information Architecture, and Interaction Design. It is here that I got hooked on the web industry and I haven't been able to stop since.

Summary of Skills

- ❖ Javascript (jQuery, Backbone.js, etc)
- ❖ Ruby on Rails and Sinatra
- ❖ HTML / CSS (also HAML, SCSS)
- ❖ TDD and Continuous Integration
- ❖ iOS / Cocoa
- ❖ Version Control with Git
- ❖ Knowledge of SOLID principles
- ❖ Visual Design & Interaction Design

About me

Born and raised in Vancouver, I've always loved designing and building things. My dad is a high school technology teacher and my mom is an artist, naturally I've fallen someone in-between with skills from both worlds. Aside from my work I love listening to the Blues, playing my guitar, snowboarding, wakeboarding and traveling to sunny places.



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