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About Me

A highly experienced and ambitious Object Orientated PHP developer, looking to work for a fabulous company that develops world-class software to the best coding standards. I've been working as a PHP/MySQL developer for over 6 years and I'm looking for my next career opportunity.

I'm looking only for permanent positions.

Locations

- **Midlands**
Birmingham, West Midlands, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire
- **South West**
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Bristol
- **Europe**
Belgium, Germany, Ireland
- Will consider other parts of the UK/Europe dependent upon the opportunity

Availability

Need to give a month's notice

Key Skills

Programming Languages

PHP5	5 years+	Have used object-orientated programming for over 5 years. Much of my code has been written in an MVC structure
JavaScript	10 years +	
AJAX	4 years	
JSON	3 years	

Databases

MySQL	5 years +
MSSQL	1 year
Apache Solr	3 months

Frameworks

CodeIgniter	3 years	Active contributor to the CodeIgniter trunk
Zend	3 years	
Smarty Templating Engine	4 years	Active contributor on the Smarty forums
jQuery	4 years	
Doctrine	3 months	

Miscellaneous

Version Control	4 years	Primarily used Subversion, but also CVS and GIT
Web Services	3 years	Both server and client-side services – used SOAP and OAuth
(X)HTML, CSS	10 years +	Up-to-and-including HTML5 and CSS3

Career History

BugFinders.com, Cheltenham

March 2011 – Present

Senior Developer

- Managed development of the BugFinders site, featuring such complexities such as a streaming video server, multi-language support and a mobile site.
- This was more than just a development position – responsible for managing the creative team, liaising with external suppliers and helping develop the business and products.
- As well as working with PHP/MySQL, a great deal of time was spent in using new technologies (eg, OAuth, Java and Python) and learning testing methodologies.

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Big Eye Deers, Cardiff (contract)	Dec 2010 – March 2011
Lead Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead development of the new British Pathé site, featuring 90,000 videos and a massive database schemaThe site is fed primarily by a MySQL database, but also features an Apache Solr schema on its' largest data repositories.	
Dragonfly Creative, Stourbridge (contract)	Nov 2010
PHP Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">UI development role, writing the CSS theme for a pub chain	
Boson Media, Bradford-on-Avon (contract)	Oct 2010
PHP Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Built a content-managed site for an estate agent using a bespoke CMS developed in the Zend FrameworkThe site incorporated many external data feeds in XML, CSV and plain-text format	
McCann Erickson, Solihull (contract)	Sep 2010
Lead Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Built the e-commerce shop for the new Group Lotus website using the Zend Framework	
Red Procurement, Henley-in-Arden (contract)	July - Sep 2010
PHP Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and built Streamline, a purpose-built tool to aid procurement managers track their workflow and for directors to see company-wide trendsUsed Doctrine to abstract the database, so this could be used on any type of database	
Maverick TV, Birmingham	Feb 2010 – May 2010
Platform Programmer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a custom CMS for multi-million pound NHS website, using the Zend FrameworkThe platform made heavy-use of video integration and external web services.	
Richmond Group, Bournemouth (contract)	Dec 2009 – Jan 2010
PHP Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">A fire-fighting role doing emergency updates on the business-critical Loanfinder.co.uk, often out-of-hoursFor their long-term stability, implemented a version-controlled development environment and established firm programming standards	
Namesco, Worcester (contract)	Mar 2009 – Aug 2009
Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Headed development of a complex e-commerce system involving 4 developersSite developed using an extensible in-house object-orientated framework, which I made various important updates to.	
The Ale Shop, Birmingham (contract)	Sep 2008 – Mar 2009
Developer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed this e-commerce site based upon the 'drop-shipping' business modelConfigured the site to automatically generate PDF invoices and purchase orders and send to the suppliers	
Northwick Events, Kidderminster	Oct 2006 – Aug 2008
Creative Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">Programmed a complex system to automate much of the business process – client management, event websites and email marketingResponsible for all digital marketing for the company – generated over £35,000 in the first 6 months of the business, well in-excess of targets	
Education History	
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	Sept 2001 – July 2004
International Politics & Strategic Studies BSc Econ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Achieved 2:2 Honours degree	