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At a Glance

Plenty of Experience

Drupal Theming, Drupal Site Building & Configuration, HTML, SCSS/CSS, React, jQuery, JavaScript, Web Accessibility, Pantheon, Acquia & Acquia Site Studio, Git, GitHub, Bitbucket, Local Development, Drush, Drupal Contrib (TB MegaMenu module), JIRA, Confluence, Large Teams, Meeting Deadlines, Meeting Budgets

Relevant Experience

PHP/Custom Module Development (enough to support front-end work), Vercel, Gatsby, NextJS, Storybook, Jest, Acquia Cloud Site Factory

Mediacurrent, November 2022 - February 2024 (Contract)

Senior Developer

I led a small team of front-end developers in the implementation of custom eCommerce functionality as part of a larger effort to redesign and enhance the online presence for one of the largest art museums in the United States. The new website is built in **NextJS**, hosted on **Vercel** and integrates with a **Drupal** backend for content and a **Tessitura** backend for membership/events management and event ticketing. I worked directly with the client and the larger team to help define the scope of the eCommerce integration, establish epics and timelines in **JIRA**, and build and launch the final product.

Bounteous, March 2019 - September 2022

Lead Front-End Developer

I collaborated with teams of UX designers, back-end developers, and project managers to architect and build front-ends for our clients. Our teams typically used **JIRA** to manage tickets, with documentation in **Confluence**. Our repositories lived in **Bitbucket**, and we typically hosted in **Acquia** environments. In the course of my time with Bounteous, I both led and supported development for a number of clients.

Project highlights:

E-commerce site for a global manufacturer of confectionery and pet foods - Launched Summer 2022

I led the development of a “black-and-white” base theme to be shared across a number of pet food sites hosted in **Acquia Cloud Site Factory**, followed by the development of a sub-theme for a specific brand. The base theme provides clean, efficient and accessible markup for all of the various components available to the sites in the ACSF stack, while the sub-theme provides brand-specific styles, with the ability to override or extend markup as needed.

React + Acquia Site Studio-powered site for a medical insurance provider - Launched 2021

Unfortunately, this site has since been taken offline, but I was very proud of our work on this project. I partnered with a back-end developer and a Drupal architect to build a site powered partly by **Acquia Site**

Studio (for marketing content), and partly by a custom **React-powered portal** embedded within the site. The portal provided the ability for users to authenticate and manage their subscriptions to a medical product. I was responsible for all of the Site Studio configuration and related theme development, and all of the React code, which was packaged and attached from within a custom Drupal module.

Duo Consulting, March 2015 - March 2019

Lead Front-End Developer

My time was divided roughly equally between larger projects dedicated to custom Drupal theme development, and smaller projects/ongoing maintenance on any one of approximately 15 existing front-ends. I developed custom Drupal modules as needed to support front-end efforts.

Project highlight:

Privacy Policy site for a multinational telecommunications conglomerate - Launched October 2019

This Drupal 8 project was our first implementation of a site based on Drupal's core layout tool, **Layout Builder**, and I was tasked with driving our strategy for implementing the layout. With assistance from our back-end team, I developed custom functionality to enhance the Layout Builder experience, consisting of a suite of custom modules designed to be reused on future projects. The client presented us with a very tight timeline, and the final site was delivered on time and under budget.

University of Chicago, November 2007 – March 2015

Lead Front-End Developer

As a front-end developer in the University's Web Services department (a team of 30+, including several remote staff), I developed both Drupal-powered websites and custom applications for academic and administrative departments throughout the University.

Project highlight:

UChicago Sites (Drupal 7)

Launched in Summer 2011, UChicago Sites was a single multisite installation home to nearly 300 websites, with content managed by nearly 1000 users across the University. In Winter 2014/2015, I coordinated the migration of all 375 sites from our local environment to Acquia without incident and with zero downtime. UChicago Sites is currently being phased out in favor of a WordPress solution. I was responsible for all aspects of **site building and configuration**, **feature development**, **theme development** and ongoing core and module **maintenance and support**. Themes and functionality were deployed through extensive use of **Subversion**, **Drush** and **Features**.

Acquia Certifications

Acquia Certified Front End Specialist - Drupal 10 - 2024

Acquia Certified Site Builder - Drupal 9 - 2021

Acquia Certified Site Studio 6 Site Builder - 2020

Acquia Certified Front End Specialist - Drupal 7 - 2015

Other Previous Work Experience

The Art Institute of Chicago, Web Technology Coordinator, February 2007 - October 2007

Chicagoland Bicycle Federation (now known as the Active Transportation Alliance), Technology Manager and Events Registration Coordinator, March 2003 - February 2007

Chicago Messenger Service, Bike Courier, January 2002 - November 2002

Deloitte Consulting, Systems Analyst and Consultant, January 1999 - December 2001

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis

Graduated December 1998