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The Skinny

I'm a PHP guy, I've been hacking around with it on a personal and professional basis for over 7 years and I've done everything from the mundane (CMS, Generic Ecommerce Sites) to the obscure (IRC Bot, Video generation) to the just plain awesome (MVC Framework, API Wrappers).

The List of Arbitrary Acronyms and Keywords

If you're a techy, then this is the bit that lets you know what boxes I tick.

PHP, MySQL, JS, JQuery, CSS, HTML, XML, JSON, AJAX, Linux, SVN, MVC, Kohana, CodeIgniter, Twitter, Facebook, Google Maps, Graphing, Metrics and Analytics, CMS, iOS-Android and location aware sites, Image and Video manipulation.

There's also a whole bunch of code samples that are available to view on my website (TamDenholm.com), I even used code highlighting for your viewing pleasure.

The Superficial

If you're an HR person or Recruiter, this is the bit that you think is important. This is a list of companies I've worked with in some capacity.

- Electronic Arts (Playfish)
- Knowthescore (Scottish Government)
- BBC
- First Group
- Sun Microsystems
- Royal Caribbean Cruises
- Strongbow
- Alliance Pharmacy
- Scottish & Newcastle

The BBC also gave me and my partner five grand and a five day stay at a country hotel in Scotland for being a finalist in their Innovation Labs program. There wasn't a shop for miles.

The Career Highlights

First Group, those dudes that have all those Buses and Trains, won the contract to handle the transport for the 2012 Olympics (pretty sweet gig if you ask me). I was contracted to build the site that takes all the bookings for Olympic transport. The system was using a custom in house framework which was decent but legacy, so I whipped up some cool tools to make life easier and do some heavy lifting. After that i built the site. It was a large site and had to take into considerations like call center staff and high traffic demands. Its a shame the site gets decommissioned when the Olympics are over. :(

Playfish, owned by Electronic Arts, that huge games company, contracted me to re-build from scratch their internal metrics and analytics system. The original system was anemic, poorly coded and falling apart. I came in like the PHP ninja that I am (through the window) and rebuilt

the thing from scratch implementing Kohana, extJS, JQuery, and a juicy charts library called highcharts. Playfish were so happy with what I was doing they paid me bags of money for being awesome, and you should too.

The Touchy Feely

Obviously if you like the look of my CV so far (and why the hell wouldn't you?) you'll now be ready to play around with some real world stuff that I've built. Well you're in luck!

<http://www.instantise.com>

I created instantise in 6 hours basically off the back of the Google Instant launch, i added some other developers sites and a few "instant" searches myself. In 2 days it got 20k uniques and was featured on Techcrunch, Hacker News, Lifehacker, cnet, Jason Calacanis' newsletter and various other sites.

<http://www.geotweetr.com>

One of my other favourite things to do is to play with API's, I've played with loads of them, but REST based JSON ones are the most delicious. Geotweetr is basically a mashup of the twitter API and the google maps API.

The Personality

Clearly, I'm a bit weird, but I'm also a smart guy and pretty good at what I do, which is why I do well in my chosen field. I reckon I'm pretty easy to work with, but I'm not the kind of guy you hire if you just want a guy to code to your specifications. I'm the guy you hire if you know what you want to build and want it implemented in a smart way. You'll get feedback, advice and I'll always advocate the best solution for a smart reason.

The Traits

I'm not professional, I'm authentic.

I don't have a "can do" attitude, I have a "will do it the best way" attitude.

I'm not talented, I'm skilled.

I won't work hard, I'll work smart.

I'm not an idea's guy, I'm an implementation guy.

I don't use 100 words when 10 will do.

The Reasons You Shouldn't Hire Me

If you're doing something wrong, I'm going to say so, I'll tell you how to fix it, but if you're being stupid, I'm going to point that out.

I'll be coming to work in comfortable clothing, you can all wear suits if you want, but wearing itchy clothing makes me sad. :(

I've got a very thick Scottish accent and sometimes you won't understand a single thing I've said. I do know how to enunciate correctly if I have to though.

I can't design, I can't work Photoshop at all, I also can't work MS Office. Google Docs FTW.

If you give me a windows machine to work on, the first thing I'm doing is installing linux. If you give me a mac, I'll install linux and ask for a real keyboard and mouse.

I'm not a perfectionist, I won't waste hours perfecting something trivial, I'll be spending my time on important things.

The Only Reason You Need To Hire Me

I'm Awesome...

...and humble, did I say humble?