

SHANDY WARD

Front-End Web Developer/Designer- Austin, TX

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Innovative and proactive web developer/designer offering more than 10 years of experience developing elegant, dynamic websites for demanding clients. Proven experience developing consumer-focused web sites using content management systems, HTML5, CSS3/SCSS, jQuery, PHP, and JavaScript. Experience building products for desktop, phone and mobile app users utilizing front-end build tools and CSS preprocessors. Products meeting highest standards for web design, user experience, best practices, usability, and speed.

EXPERIENCE

JST, Inc.

Austin, TX

Feb. 2022 – present

WEBMASTER/WORDPRESS DEVELOPER

- Establish and guide the development of internal tools such as a company directory, and intranet- built in Wordpress.
- Ensure high-performance and availability, and manage all technical aspects of the CMS, using front-end technologies, including HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery, and PHP.
- Assist with the maintenance, bug fixes and new development on the client's marketing website.
- Help formulate an effective, responsive design
- Create plugins/add, configure plugins
- Assist clients with learning WordPress Admin basics

Peak 6

Chicago, IL

May 2021 – Feb. 2022

WORDPRESS DEVELOPER - *Contract*

- Front-end development in PHP within Wordpress for a website redesign
- Work within a LAMP stack using NPM front-end build tools.
- Create custom blocks with ACF and Laravel Blade templates.
- Practice front-end best practices to enhance performance and responsiveness.

REQ

Las Vegas, NV

2020 – May 2021

WORDPRESS DEVELOPER - *Freelance*

- Delivered services for a variety of agency clients as a front-end web developer creating sites in WordPress, Squarespace, and Drupal platforms.
- Implemented site functionality, plugin setup, content migration and responsive website design.
- Optimized web assets for speed and performance.
- Created site layout and user interface using HTML/CSS/SCSS/JS/PHP practices.
- Used Pantheon to manage website environments.

Apache Corp.
Houston, TX
2020

WORDPRESS DEVELOPER - *Contract*

- Provide front-end development assistance to Apache Corporation's creative team to move their newly redesigned WordPress site to launch. This includes CMS content styling, PHP functions, plugin configuration and API development.

Pace Communications
Greensborough, NC
2020

FRONT END DEVELOPER - *Contract*

- Delivered front-end development services for agency clients such as Wells Fargo, Ubiquity and Argo Industries, creating responsive user-interfaces in WordPress platforms.
- Used tools such as VS Code, GIT, GitLab, JIRA, NPM, GULP, SCSS, JS/jQuery and PHP for site functionality and project management.
- Utilized UI design skills as needed to complete new page layouts.
- Highlight: Assisting the Wells Fargo team to pass ADA requirements for one of their feature websites.

UGroup
Arlington, VA
2019– 2020

WORDPRESS DEVELOPER - *Full Time*

- Completed front-end development tasks and ensured user experience design was incorporated into websites for optimal user accessibility.
- Collaborated with designers and other team members to create clean interfaces and to optimize the experience and interactions of the user.
- Specialized in front-end WordPress development and maintenance using HTML5, CSS preprocessors: SASS/SCSS, jQuery and PHP, GitHub Cli, NPM, Gulp, Webpack
- Built custom plugins and widgets for WordPress websites

Shipstation
Austin, TX
2016 – 2019

MARKETING WORDPRESS DEVELOPER - *Full Time*

- Developed landing pages, dashboards and online applications using HTML5/CSS3/SCSS/LESS/JS, third party API integration, front-end build tools/CSS Preprocessors and PHP scripting.
- Optimized PNG and JPG web assets for speed and performance.
- Took concepts and produced design mockups and prototypes to strengthen designs, enhance user experiences and improve site interactions.
- Highlight: Taking charge to design and develop a redesign of the marketing website's "About Us" page.

Civitas Learning
Austin, TX
2015 - 2016

HTML PROTOTYPER - *Contract*

- Developed, coded, and updated software demos and prototype sites for the company sales team.
- Used programming capabilities in JavaScript/jQuery/Ajax and other libraries as needed.
- Created site layout and user interface using HTML and CSS practices.

Netspend

Austin, TX
2015 - 2015

CREATIVE FRONT-END DEVELOPER - Contract

- B2B site and mobile app branding within a Java platform for clients such as PayPal, ACE Cash Express, Brinks and 7 Eleven.
- Developed design deliverables that elevated, differentiated, and functioned on-brand and on-strategy.
- Collaborated with vendors to ensure style consistency with other marketing materials.

**XO Group
(The Knot)**

Austin, TX
2008 - 2014

FRONT-END DEVELOPER/DESIGN SUPPORT – Full Time

- Used tools such as HTML5, LESS, jQuery and Bootstrap 3 to conceptualize, plan and execute the development of responsive designs for a wide range of front-end tasks including CMS admin, landing pages, email marketing.
- Rapidly developed and iterated product and feature prototypes from conceptual demonstrations.
- Completely updated and redesigned user experience for the company's .NET based e-Commerce website.
- Worked as a contract designer to deliver wireframes and mock-ups for new e-commerce features.
- Highlight: Keeping the contracted-out development of the company's first mobile friendly version of their e-commerce site in-house.

**ProAce Technology
Services**

Austin, TX
2006 - 2008

CREATIVE DIRECTOR/DEVELOPER – Full Time

- Website conceptualization, layout design (Photoshop), extensive graphic creation/manipulation, HTML/CSS cut up for layout, layout problem solving, coding, testing, cross browser capability and search engine optimization.
- Developed and/or led design on multiple simultaneous projects: small to large scale websites, e-commerce solutions, content management systems, Intranets, search portals.
- Implementation of interface coding into dynamic database driven websites using multiple languages including ASP .NET, PHP, XML.
- Highlight: Design of the company's first logo.

**Yellow Circle
Solutions**

Austin, TX
2004 - 2006

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER, WEB DEVELOPER – Full Time

- Project management, front-end web site production work within a .NET environment, email campaign management and graphic design.
- Page layout and production work including wire frames, design and code for web site development using HTML, XML, Flash, JavaScript, DHTML, and CSS.

SKILLS

Hard Skills

Browser Dev Tools: Node.js/Grunt/Gulp, JS/jQuery, HTML5, Frameworks, CSS3, SASS, React, PHP, TFS, JIRA, Responsive Design Testing, Version Control/Git, Testing/Debugging, Web Performance, CSS Preprocessing Command Line, Cross-Browser Testing/Debugging. API development

Soft Skills

Creative, Self-starting, Attention to detail, Multi-tasking, Innovative, Problem solving, Empathy, Flexibility

EDUCATION

Stephen F. Austin State University

Nacogdoches, TX
1997 – 1999

BACHELOR OF ART - *Communications*

- Major: Advertising/PR
- Minor: Radio/TV
- Received full scholarship to play on the softball team

San Joaquin Delta College

Stockton, CA
1995 - 1997

ASSOCIATES – *General Studies*

- Played on the school's softball and soccer team(s).