

JAMES CHI

WEB DEVELOPER

Summary

I am a design focused web developer with a desire to work with creative innovators to develop tools that solve modern programming problems. Having traveled the world extensively serving in orphanages or visiting people who live in garbage dumps, my passion for building elegant technical solutions is focused on human first design and technology. I love proposing new ideas from unique perspectives, championing inclusion and diversity, and have a love for continuous learning opportunities in a wide range of educational disciplines that allow me to bring a creative vision to all the work that I do.

Employment

Filter Digital

Content Builder / Front End Developer

Seattle, WA
Aug 2016 to Current

I was part of the creative services team that worked alongside graphic designers in launching a brand new service at Sports Illustrated Play that builds custom CMS websites for youth sports leagues. As a content builder, I aided clients in migrating over their data into a new system and helped reorganize and design their new website. As a front end developer, I logged and troubleshooted any bugs that came up in the CMS and added custom HTML, CSS, and Javascript to add custom designs to our client's new site. Our team utilized Agile methodology and JIRA, Confluence, and Bit Bucket as project management tools. I also added custom settings for CKEditor and was the lead builder when needing to troubleshoot and launch new themes for our CMS system.

General Assembly

Teaching Assistant

Seattle, WA
Mar 2016 to Jul 2016

I aid and mentor immersive web development students by providing guidance regarding complex full-stack programming concepts and provide resources for best practices and helpful tools. I also collaborate with other TA's to provide feedback regarding student progress and additional instructional needs.

General Assembly

Full Stack Web Developer

Seattle, WA
Nov 2015 to Feb 2016

I recently graduated from General Assembly, which is a full-time, three-month, full-stack web development immersive. Students are taught to be creative, innovative, collaborative, and self-reliant when needed while learning the latest technology and tools. I have accumulated 900+ hours of hands-on coding experience.

Hope Church NYC

Pastor

New York, NY
Jan 2014 to Feb 2015

I co-led the establishment of a new church in Midtown Manhattan. I was actively involved in planning the vision, culture, and values of the community and oversaw the practical management of securing a location, leading volunteers, and directing the launch of numerous programs that consisted of pre-planning and execution of Sunday services and implementing discipleship and community groups. This was like starting up a new company, and I wore many different hats as far as responsibilities. While doing this, I served as director of design and webmaster to the church website which I enjoyed immensely. This led me to pursue web development full-time. Today the church continues to thrive and grow from a group of 20 to now over 150. The church network has grown to include four new churches since Midtown's inception.

Seattle Pacific University

Intern in the Asian American Ministry Department

Seattle, WA
2011 to 2012

I was a strategic consultant in the formation of a new program that explored Asian American experience, identity and influence on Christian thought and practice. At the time, it was the only program of its kind nationwide and is now currently part of the core curriculum for all students in the Masters of Divinity program. I aided in organizing local pastors to build connections and provided insight to help shape new curriculum that was being developed for the school. I also crafted the social media outreach and presence of this program through Facebook. This was an incredibly rewarding experience to be involved in the envisioning of a program that will positively impact students for years to come.

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Skills

LANGUAGES

HTML5

CSS3

Javascript

Ruby

FRONT-END TOOLS

jQuery

Bootstrap

Materialize

Angular Material

FRAMEWORKS

Node.js

Express.js

Ruby on Rails

Angular.js

DATABASE TOOLS

PostgreSQL

Sequelize.js

MongoDB

Mongoose

TESTING

Mocha

RSpec

MISCELLANEOUS

AJAX

JSON

Git/Github

Heroku

JIRA / Confluence

Education

General Assembly

Web Development Immersive
2016

The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology

Masters of Divinity 2013

University of Washington

Bachelor of Arts International
Studies 2006

I stepped into leadership during a difficult time of transition for our church where we had gone through three senior leadership changes in three years. While I was deeply committed and rooted to the community, I was faced with the prospect of having to take the reins as senior leader when the most recent lead pastor decided to step down. After weighing the heavy cost of having to oversee another leadership change on the community and myself, I made the difficult choice of dissolving the church and handled the closing of a community that had been such a vital part of my life up until then. While this was extremely difficult, I learned a lot about leadership and providing care and mediation for others in the midst of a challenging transition period.

Director of Missions and Worship

Seattle, WA
2006 to 2011

I was commissioned as the leader of the first college music team that was formed in a new church. From here I progressed to direct a rotating group of six different worship teams. I directly planned special events, oversaw equipment management, and actively led worship routinely. I also presided over a robust missions program in which, as a community, donated 50% of our entire budget to other charitable organizations. Every year we sent out teams all over the world to serve in areas where there was much need such as Japan, China, India, Taiwan, Mozambique, the Philippines, Siberia, Kazakhstan, Australia and many others. My responsibility as director included training, fundraising and budget management for all teams involved.

Starbucks
Shift Supervisor

Seattle, WA
2006 to 2009

I had the privilege of being a leader in a strategic Starbucks location that incorporated all the core values of what a Starbucks customer should experience including a sense of community and what Starbucks calls the third place. We were one of only a handful of stores which served as an immersive experience for employees at Starbucks corporate to step into the shoes of a barista and experience first hand what it means to serve our customers. I directly trained and facilitated many of these experiences to inform employees new to the company about Starbucks' core values and principles in the retail environment.

Barista

Seattle, WA
1999 to 2006

The bulk of my time as a barista was spent during college working at the University Village location, which is the busiest Starbucks in the nation. Not only was this the flagship store, but it embodied the entrepreneurial spirit and drive of the Starbucks brand, serving as a model store for our international business clients that sought to incorporate the Starbucks experience overseas. I was a star barista, usually the one making the drinks at lightning speed, and I took on the additional responsibility for inventory management for our store which was above and beyond my expected contribution as a barista.

Projects

Simplify

One of my interests is thinking through how we can help people become more creative and productive with the work they love. I came across an article detailing new research that discovered that our brains have only so much capacity for the number of decisions we can make in a day before those decisions start to become less and less effective. Thus I came up with the idea of Simplify, a full stack app that seeks to reduce decision fatigue so that you can focus on the work that matters the most. One of the first things people do each morning is check our phone. Simplify currently sends you a daily email in the morning that lists out the weather and suggested clothing for the day. What I love about this idea is its scalability. Future features will include a lunch suggestion based on your work location, a suggested workout, and basically any common decisions we need to make each day that simplify can make for you so you don't have to.

Technologies used: HTML5, CSS3, Angular Material, Javascript, MongoDB, Mongoose, Express, Node.js, Angular.js, Heroku, Mailgun API, Open Weather API.

Rent Rabbit

Being an avid ebay seller, I am constantly looking through our housing inventory to sell old things so we can purchase new ones. I realized we have so much stuff that we only use seasonally that sits in storage for most of the year. Some of this stuff we may not even use but still want to hang onto for those "just in case" moments. Thus I thought of the idea of creating a marketplace for people to list their items for others to rent. That way you could easily make money on gear that you only use part of the time. I proposed this idea to a team of three other amazing developers and we built rent rabbit out to do just that.

Technologies used: HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Javascript, JQuery, Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, Sequelize, Heroku, Cloudinary API, Facebook API.

Story Matters

Living in New York and riding the subway, you come across a lot of interesting characters. What was especially striking for me was the manner in which people would ask for money by telling their story on the train where you conveniently can't go anywhere. I remember thinking through the reasons I would resist giving and came to two problems. First, I didn't really know this person, and second, I didn't know if my giving would actually meet this person's real needs. Being inspired by the Humans of New York project, I began thinking through how we could create a platform for people on the margins to tell their story and for contributors to be connected to these people by tangibly seeing where their giving would go. Story Matters is not just a crowd funding site. It's a place for us to learn about the real stories of the communities we live in and a way for us to become more aware of the stories that don't get heard.

Technologies used: HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Javascript, Node.js, Express, PostgreSQL, Sequelize, Heroku, Stripe API.