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Freelance Ruby Developer

ABOUT ME

Passion and enthusiasm for software

Programming for me is more than just a job and I am always striving to better my craft. I am passionate about testing and agile development and am constantly evaluating new techniques and the latest developments in the Ruby and Ruby on Rails world. As well as blogging when I can, I regularly contribute to open source projects, including [ActiveMerchant](#) and [Rails](#) itself.

Highly motivated and driven

Over the last decade, I have: started my own company; conceived, built and deployed several production Rails apps; began a flourishing freelance career; run my own club nights; and got a black belt in kung-fu!

Great communication skills

Having worked within a four man business and as an independent freelancer, I have developed both the skills to self-manage and to work as part a team. I also have many years experience dealing face-to-face with clients and pride myself on my ability to quickly identify the key needs and requirements for any given project.

CORE SKILLS

Software development

Working with Ruby and Ruby on Rails since early 2006, versions 1.0 through to 3.1; An enthusiastic and practiced Test Driven Developer and Agile advocate; Javascript, including experience using both Prototype and JQuery; XHTML, HTML5 & CSS, including semantic mark-up, standards, accessibility and usability; SQL using SQLITE3, MySQL and PostgreSQL; Systems administration, including preparing, deployment and monitoring of production environments on linux; Search Engine Optimisation.

EDUCATION

The University of Manchester (UMIST)

MEng, Software Engineering (1st class Hons) [1997 - 2001]

Areas of study included: Object Oriented Programming, Software Analysis and Design, Human Computer Interaction, Concurrent Systems, Formal Methods, Embedded Systems Development, Networking and Open Systems, Database Theory, Formal Methods, Real-Time Systems, Distributed Systems and Internet Technology.

EXPERIENCE

Tekin Suleyman

Freelance Ruby and Rails developer, Manchester [2008 - Present]

Since becoming a freelance Ruby developer, I have built and launched several production Rails apps, including ranshop.co.uk and steranko.co.uk. Apart from the visual design (which I outsource to freelance designers), I single-handedly managed these project, developed and deployed the apps and handled all communications with the clients. During this period, I have also freelanced as a Ruby on Rails developer for [Stardotstar](#), [Storefu](#) and [Virtuaffinity](#). I am currently in the process of building my own online Software as a Service: crowd.fm.

Raid Partnership / Raid Associates Ltd

Founder & Technical Director [2001 - 2008]

As both joint founder and technical lead at Raid, I helped build a successful multimedia agency from scratch, focusing on web design, visual communication and 3D visualisation. From humble beginnings in a spare room, Raid grew to a 4 man team with clients that included Adidas, Arts Council England, Contact, Cornerhouse, Cream. As well as being lead developer, I was also responsible for much of the project management, client liaison and financial planning. I worked with a variety of technologies at Raid, including Flash ActionScript, PHP, XHTML / CSS, MySQL, Apache and Ruby on Rails. I left Raid in April 2008 to turn my focus to full-time Ruby development.

Visuality UK

Junior Programmer (part-time) [2000 - 2001]

Visuality are a web technology company, based in Manchester. There I held a part-time position while completing my Masters degree and was tasked with general programming assignments, including Flash ActionScript development and web-based 3D environments using Virtools technology.

PORTFOLIO

[Selected work can be viewed here.](#)

REFERENCES

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