

STEPHEN S. RAKAS IV

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SUMMARY - Stephen is a team player with great interpersonal skills with over seventeen years in the web industry and has had various responsibilities utilizing current technologies such as html, css, and javascript as well as php and MySQL. He is knowledgeable on industry best practices in user-centered web design, development, and maintenance.

TECHNICAL SKILLS.....

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

HTML; HTML5; XHTML; RSS; PHP; CSS; CSS3; JavaScript; JQuery; JQuery Mobile; SQL

SOFTWARE

Adobe Dreamweaver; Adobe Flash; Adobe Fireworks; Adobe Photoshop; Adobe Illustrator; Adobe CC Suite; Adobe In-Design; Axure; Microsoft Office; Microsoft Internet Information Server; Apache Web Server; Microsoft SQL Server, Twitter Bootstrap Framework; 960 Grid Framework; Word Press, Google Analytics and Webmaster Tools; Spring Tools Suite, Git

EXPERIENCE

Apex Systems
Baltimore, MD
1/17 – Present

User Experience Designer –
(On contract to Northrup Grumman for Social Security Administration) Responsibilities include: Developing both low and high fidelity prototypes for web applications using sketches and Axure prototyping software; Executing all phases of the user-centered design process in an Agile environment; Performing design upgrades based on user feedback and technical constraints.

G5 Design
Abingdon, MD
7/01 - Present

Owner/Designer/Developer –
Responsibilities include: customer service, sales, designing and implementing Photoshop-based comps; affecting the user interface; creating visually appealing dynamic desktop, mobile, and responsive designed websites that are up to current standards and follow current trends utilizing HTML5, XHTML, XML, RSS, JQuery, JQuery Mobile, Twitter Bootstrap framework, JavaScript, Cascading Style Sheets, PHP, MySQL, WordPress, and the Adobe CS6 Suite; creating wireframes and mock-ups where appropriate; graphic design; search engine optimization; testing code in key browsers for compatibility before making available to the public; website maintenance.

Laureate Education
Columbia, MD
11/15 – 08/16

Interactive Designer –
Responsibilities included: Creating wireframes and mock-ups that fulfill product requirements; Conducting end user and Domain Expert research, including focus groups, survey and prototype testing; Performing design upgrades based on user feedback, technical constraints and marketing dynamics; Setting direction and standard for screen imagery including icons, content flow and navigation elements; Effectively communicating vision of the end client to internal and external stakeholders; Custom Wordpress theme design and development; working in an Agile Framework environment, Contributed to Mobile App development with both graphics and code.

Apex Systems
Baltimore, MD
12/14 – 11/15

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Adventure Web Productions
Catonsville, MD
4/08-10/08 2/12 – 6/13

Web Designer –
Responsibilities included: designing and implementing Photoshop-based comps; affecting the user interface; creating visually appealing dynamic desktop, mobile, and responsive designed websites that are up to current standards and follow current trends utilizing HTML5, XHTML, XML, RSS, JQuery, JQuery Mobile, Twitter Bootstrap framework, JavaScript, Cascading Style Sheets, PHP, MySQL, and the Adobe CS6 Suite; creating wireframes and mock-ups where appropriate; graphic design; search engine optimization; testing code in key browsers for compatibility before making available to the public; website maintenance.

Hudson Highland Group
Baltimore, MD
2/11 – 2/12

Web Designer – Responsibilities include: designing and implementing Photoshop-based comps for new website for Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, creating wireframes for new design, designing graphics for current Welch Medical Library website, implementing designs utilizing the latest in current web technologies such as JQuery, AJAX, XHTML, and CSS, creating a custom theme for Drupal CMS.

Investors United School of Real Estate Investing
Parkville, MD
1/10 - 9/10

Director of Online Operations – Responsibilities included: website administration in collaboration with Marketing staff utilizing XHTML, HTML, CSS, Javascript, and PHP; design and implement Photoshop-based comps; search engine optimization, design and implement email and newsletter campaigns, design and implement banner advertising campaigns, create and enforce technical standards used throughout the Internet sites; track usage of Internet sites, e-commerce administration and implementation; research online sales and marketing trends; create and present website reports; video editing for multimedia presentations

Agora Inc.
Baltimore, MD
10/08 - 12/08

Webmaster – Responsibilities included: Maintaining two websites utilizing Word Press, Google Webmaster Tools, Google Analytics, Apache Web Server, Feed Burner, Microsoft office, and various plug-ins designed for blogging; creating XML sitemaps; technical support for site members

Infospherix
Beltsville, MD
1/07 - 1/08

Webmaster - Responsibilities include: designing and implementing Photoshop-based comps for corporate websites utilizing current technologies such as HTML, XHTML, XML, RSS, JavaScript, and Cascading Style Sheets; maintaining corporate websites; making recommendations for fully utilizing corporate web presence.

Comsys
Baltimore, MD
5/06 - 12/06

Web Developer - Responsibilities included maintenance of various internal and external client sites, managing content via Vignette content management software, designing and implementing electronic collateral; graphic design, page layout and design utilizing current technologies and software such as HTML, Photoshop, CSS, Javascript, and Adobe Flash.

Aerotek
Hanover, MD
12/05 - 2/06

Web Developer - Responsibilities include: developing training applications utilizing ASP, DHTML, Javascript, and VBScript using Microsoft SQL Server as a data source.

The Southwestern Company
Nashville, TN
9/04 - 1/05

Web Designer - Responsibilities included designing and implementing Photoshop-based comps, affecting the user interface, eCommerce content and web programming for the launch of client's (Home Shopping Network) website utilizing the latest in web technologies.

General Physics Corporation
Elkridge, MD
11/99 -10/03

Intranet Webmaster - Responsibilities included: designing forms and dynamic web pages for the company's Corporate Intranet using HTML, DHTML, ASP, JavaScript, VBScript, MS SQL Server, ODBC and ADO connections; designing and implementing Photoshop-based comps, affecting the user interface, server maintenance; Cisco IP Phone Services Programming utilizing ASP and XML, developed and maintained an online university utilizing ASP database-integrated applications, Macromedia Flash, and video integration; developed online tours and animations in Macromedia Flash.

EDUCATION.....

The Art Institute
Bachelors in Web Design

General Physics Corporation
Columbia, MD

Microsoft Official Curriculum: Administration For Microsoft SQL Server 7.0; Microsoft Official Curriculum: Implementing A Database on Microsoft SQL Server 7.0; Harassment In The Workplace; Exceptional Customer Service; Appreciating Differences In The Workplace

WestLake Internet Training
Washington, DC

Advanced Active Server Pages;
Introduction To Designing Web Graphics;
Introduction To Dynamic HTML;
Advanced JavaScript: Dynamic HTML;
Introduction To Macromedia Flash

PORTFOLIO.....