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http://ionlyseespots.github.io/

10 years of creative, resourceful and open source experience. Able to adapt to changing priorities and maintain a positive attitude with a history of productivity and successful project outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

Lead UX/UI Designer, 451

Minneapolis, MN — October, 2010-June, 2015

Accomplishments

Implemented Ambient, an innovative mobile first CSS3 framework for HTML5 for fast, Single Page Application (SPA) development

• http://ionlyseespots.github.io/ambient-design

Technologies

HTML5, Modular CSS3 (Less), Bower, Node, Grunt

Process

Sometimes I have layout that plays well with a CSS framework for a traditional grid paradigm (e.g., Bootstrap, Material, Foundation) but sometimes I need more. This can mean learning grid classes for structure with floats, off-set columns and media queries. I liked reusing classes for design but I became frustrated with classes for structure that were not very clear.

I wanted to design and build a community driven open-sourced framework. A lightweight and modular HTML5 layout methodology. The CSS should make use of HTML5 for layout (no ambiguous structure based classes), and provide layout for both mobile and desktop.

Executed mobile first User-centered design (phone, tablet and desktop) for the OrderCloud 2.0 ecommerce platform

Technologies

AngularJS SPA, Javascript, HTML5, Modular CSS3 (Less), Bootstrap

Process

Collaborate with product owners, developers, and stakeholders to understand user and business requirements. Work directly with the development team to create the latest trends in visual design, interaction design and technology to detail the customer experience in support of experience strategy.

Validate prototypes and consumer-facing design patterns within the application. Produce deliverables that are professional, polished, visually appealing, and support best practices with a minimal amount of oversight. This includes the ability to create production-quality CSS, Less, and HTML with support for mobile and tablet devices and cross-browser issues. communicate design intent throughout the development of the project, and the application of design principles and best practices that support them.

Executed Single Page App (color editor) to work alongside the OrderCloud 2.0 ecommerce platform

http://ionlyseespots.github.io/simple/app/#/view1

Technologies

AngularJS SPA, Javascript, HTML5, Modular CSS3 (Less), Bootstrap

Process

Coordinate the design process with marketing and business development teams throughout the product lifecycle to design an easy to use and simple interface for color options and themes. The color editor allows users to quickly and easily customize branding within the platform.

Executed a robust, consistent, and easy-to-use redesign of the Administrative GUI for the OrderCloud 2.0 ecommerce platform

EDUCATION

Self-taught Developer

The Art Institutes International Minnesota

Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design — 2000-2004, GPA 3.3

Awarded Best in Show Awarded AIGA Design Scholarship Published in Logo Lounge 4 Published in GD USA April annual trend report

Prior USAF military service

Communication design & analysis, message patterns and cryptology

SKILLS

- Heuristics Strong advocate for the user and usability centric issues
- Excellent communication and evangelism skills
- Single Page Application
 - AngularJS
- CSS3
 - o Modular (e.g., Less, Sass)
- HTML5
 - o Semantic layout for explicit and implicit content
- Javascript, jQuery and jQuery Mobile
- Source code management and revision control
 - o GitHub
 - Bitbucket
- IDE
 - Visual Studio
 - o WebStorm
- Adobe Creative Cloud and related design programs

REFERENCES - Available upon request.