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Profile

I create web interfaces that combine web standards with graphic design to enhance usability without sacrificing accessibility. I am also a member of the Guild of Accessible Web Designers.

My goal is to make attractive interfaces that can be used by everyone, whether able-bodied or disabled, and regardless of their choice of user agent, operating system or hardware platform - as a result, my work is centred around the following points:

- Coding valid XHTML and CSS to W3C standards.
- Creating graphic design that enhances usability.
- Ensuring conformance to accessibility guidelines.
- Cross-browser testing on various operating systems.
- Testing on technical and non-technical users.

My interfaces are often integrated into template-driven applications such as content management systems and e-commerce solutions. As a result, I have experience of working with developers and have basic abilities in PHP.

Recent Work History

For the last four years I have been working with small businesses, helping them to create professional presences both on-line and off-line.

I have provided a number of different services, from advising on technological trends and designing web interfaces to creating company identities and writing sales materials.

Although I have managed projects from concept to close, I prefer working as part of a team, allowing me to concentrate on interface design.

Examples of my recent work can be found at www.intershizzle.com/work.

Earlier Days

Prior to working in design, I was an IT consultant supporting Microsoft networks for corporate clients in the United Kingdom and across Europe.

Before that I worked in IT sales and various other office jobs, most with a technical twist. I got my first taste of web design when I created a German version of a company's website using Lotus Domino in 1997.

Skills and Environments

Raster and vector graphics, (including SVG) using Illustrator, Photoshop, Fireworks, Flash, Freehand, GIMP and Inkscape.

Hand-coded valid XHTML and CSS, (with smatterings of PHP and Javascript) using Dreamweaver, Nvu, Quanta Plus, Notepad or Kate.

Accessibility and web standards, tested against W3C and 3rd-party guidelines and validation tools.

Basic web administration on Apache servers and MySQL databases.

I am Windows, Mac and Linux compatible; I also like sketchbooks and beer mats.

Interests

Snowboarding, travelling, design, eating nice food and drinking lots of tea.

References

Client testimonials, references and full details of my early career are available on request.