

CK Hicks

Web Developer, Community Manager, Writer

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EXPERIENCE

Additional references available upon request.

WordPress Developer, Creative Kinesis, 04/2010 - Present

“When searching for freelance talent in the graphic/web/video arena, you never know what you’re going to get. I’ve hired CK to do a variety of tasks over the years - WordPress installs and modifications, graphic design, video production - and have never been disappointed. He’s personable, knowledgeable and prompt; qualities worth their weight in gold. I highly recommend CK!” –Crystal Henson, Client

- Full-time, self-employed, and flying solo with exclusive WordPress development jobs since 2010.
- Known for dedication to well-crafted, standards-compliant code, with special attention to detail and usability.
- Responsible for all aspects (except design) in reinventing an active Federal Credit Union website: fourpointsfcu.org
- Completed sites for photographers, chiropractors, financial institutions, and more using fully home-grown solutions.

Web Developer, Silvergate Solutions, 08/2010 - Present

- Co-Founded a “one-trick” web company franchise, focusing on simple approaches to complicated projects.
- Assisted a 65 year-old architecture firm (esterlyschneider.com) with overhauling all of their online marketing.
- Worked to provide professional solutions at workable prices, regardless of the client’s budget or online history.

Community Manager, TheForce.Net, 08/2005 - 01/2011

“CK is probably the most active member I’ve seen come aboard in all my time here. Talk about taking the bull by the horns! He makes sure new members feel welcome by answering questions and encouraging other members to treat them with respect.” –Forum Admin

- Managed several active community forums, working with small teams or independently.
- Collaborated with IGN staff on new features and bug reports from community feedback.
- Designed and implemented board-wide code installations in over 250 forum templates.
- Created forum indexes for hundreds of individual resources - active in community since 2001.

Web Designer, Vacations Made Easy, 10/2009 - 04/2010

- Created and maintained custom WordPress installations, including popular projects like: BransonNews.com
- Managed multiple projects involved with redesign of flagship site (vacationsmadeeasy.com) with minimal direction.

New Media Specialist, HSA Marketing, 01/2009 - 09/2009

- Developed paid membership site with WordPress (thehorselibrary.com), still running strong after 3+ years online.
- Streamlined a library of products for customer orders, including a home-based shipping center of 40+ physical items.
- Created custom web solutions for web-based projects and product launches, including: HorseTrainingResources.com

Gallery Manager, deviantART, 02/2008 - 11/2008

“CK was excellent for the Film category on deviantART. He was always willing to provide help and support for the users and dedicated to maintaining the category. It’s been a pleasure to work with CK, I would recommend him for any future work.” –Daniele Delgrosso, Admin

- Deeply involved with planning/launching the Film & Animation category - now hosting over 10,000 pieces of video art.
- Ensured unity and openness in community forums, chat channels, and user profile discussions.
- Suggested community events, organized chats, and helped plan site promotions with sponsors and core staff.
- Monitored daily site changes, support tickets, and written help documents.

Video Editor/Graphic Artist, Metropolitan Community College, 09/2006 - 06/2008

“Just watched your terrific doc - learned a lot! Beautifully researched and put together. Your work is the clearest, most concise, and yet broad look at the fan film phenomena. It is inspirational to anyone actually making films.” –Michael Wiese, Filmmaker

- Produced the first video documentary highlighting the work of an online film community.
- Created visual effects for original sci-fi original miniseries (Trenches), collaborating with Disney project manager.
- Worked on production and/or post-production of over 150 television episodes and special projects.

Production Assistant, American Idol Productions, 08/2007

- Monitored and attended to needs of mobile office.
- Assisted with set-up and tear-down of production equipment.
- Managed crowds and contestant information for show production.

Creative Communications Assistant, Bellevue Christian Center, 03/2004 - 09/2005

- Provided consultation for project managers on hardware/software purchases.
- Assisted staff with motion graphics, video editing, and equipment consulting tasks.
- Created weekly interactive media presentations for large audiences.

EDUCATION

AAS Visual & Communication Arts, Metropolitan Community College

- Additional Certificate - Digital Cinema Production
- Made the Dean’s List for 2+ Years
- 3.9 GPA Overall

High School Diploma, Great Plains Christian Academy

- Homeschooled, taught by parents to love learning and hard work from an early age. I owe it all to them.

PROFICIENCIES

Advanced

- WordPress (Self-Hosted, Managed, BuddyPress, bbPress, etc.)
- Message Boards (XenForo, vB, phpBB, etc.)
- Video Editing & VFX (Final Cut, After Effects, etc.)
- Graphics Editing (Photoshop, Corel, etc.)

Intermediate

- PHP, JSON
- 3D Modeling & Animation (Maya, 3ds Max, etc.)
- Motion Graphics (Motion, etc.)

Basic

- CSS3 Canvas
- Ruby, ColdFusion