CLAUDE SCHNEIDER

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Location: Vancouver Availability: Immediate

Cambridge-educated, I am a true web generalist; covering everything from business- to userneeds, and encompassing full-stack development, UX & UI, and product management.

In the words of my clients, I excel over developers in being good with people and in client-facing roles; and excel over managers by having deep and broad technical expertise; I have demonstrably exceptional problem-solving skills; and understand not only how technology can be used, but how it affects and empowers the business & the end user.

SKILLS

- Full-Stack Web Development (15 years) PHP, CSS3, HTML5, JavaScript, jQuery, MooTools, AJAX, JSON, MySQL, LAMP Server, RWD, SEO, FireBug, web applications, Wordpress, Drupal, Facebook apps & Open Graph, social media integration, RESTful APIs.
- UX/UI Design (15 years) usability, wireframing, responsive design, Photoshop.
- Product/Project Management (10 years) Business Requirements, Technical Specifications, Technical Architecture, Product Management, Agile, Lean Startup Methodology, Team Leadership, Unit Testing.
- Photography & Digital Post-Processing (10 years).
- Graphic Design (15 years), Audio & Video Editing (10 years).
- Drupal 7 (2 years) i18n multilingual, theming, custom modules, advanced views, Boost caching, CAPTCHA, webforms, twitter/RSS integration. CMS training for client.

EXPERIENCE

Apr. 2008 - Product Manager & Web Application Developer (PHP, MySQL, Drupal, MooTools) Present Adder Technology

Requirements gathering, technical specifications & architecture, UX/UI design, full-stack web development

- Led team of 5 developers to build a bespoke web application at the core of Adder's leading "Infinity" hardware product. The web application allows configuration and management of KVM-over-IP network devices. It has been deployed in hundreds of mission-critical organisations, including the BBC, China State Power's control room, & Corus Entertainment
- Re-developed Adder.com global websites using Drupal for multiple languages & greatly improved SEO

Demo videos of the web application available at http://claudeschneider.com/web/portfolio/aim/

Mar. 2010 - Product Manager & Web Developer (Wordpress, PHP, MySQL, jQuery) Present Icould.com

Full-stack development, business & technical analysis of the existing website, improvements to growth, functionality, and SEO

- Major improvements to the UX & UI, adding advanced search, API, and Facebook App/Login
- Automated migration of 1,000 videos to YouTube, saving tens of thousands in hosting costs, adding support for mobiles, with non-YouTube fallback

Nov. 2006 - **Product Manager** Apr. 2008 *Library House*

Product manager for 3 large web products – corporate website re-brand, searchable database application, and a startup assessment tool

- Led team of 7 developers & designers through specifications, development, and testing; worked with CxO stakeholders, external customers, and design agencies
- Provided long-term vision for product features, based on customer and industry needs
 adding new functionality, and re-structuring existing features

May 2003 – **Technical Consultant (XML, HTML, JavaScript, Java, ASP, .net)**Nov. 2006 *Anacubis / i2*

Technical expert on data visualisation plugin, providing client consultancy and pre-sales

- Maintained technical and business relationships with information partners, deploying server- and desktop-based visualisation technology
- Managed deployment process from initial requirement gathering, analysis of data structure and content, and prototype development, through to providing consultancy, support and training for client-led deployment
- Product-managed an innovative mapping web application for analysis and reporting; including requirements gathering, specification, design and development
- Demonstrated product bilingually at international conferences and trade shows, and visited prospective customers in technical pre-sales role

Oct. 2000 - **Project Manager & Java Developer**May 2003 Fluency Voice (a Netdecisions company)

Multi-disciplinary roles within voice-technology startup

- Managed a project for a large US client; from winning the contract with a demonstration system, to deploying and supporting the full application
- Developed Java voice applications within a project team, gaining knowledge of dialogue design, development, testing, configuration, deployment, and reporting
- Created a company Intranet and Knowledge Base, allowing non-technical staff to easily add knowledge and update existing information
- Developed an innovative and customisable reporting tool, which has become the standard reporting tool for monitoring application performance
- Played key role in company's flagship project, communicating with clients daily, successfully handling several crises, and presenting reports to client management

EDUCATION

2000-2001	University of Cambridge, UK – Diploma in Computer Science 8 month Java project – dissertation awarded one of the highest marks in year.
1997-2000	University of Cambridge, UK - MA (Hons) Natural Sciences Maths, Physics & Astrophysics

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & INTERESTS

Startups	 Founded Portfora.com, CantabPhotos.com, and AuctionYourProperty.com Regularly attend startup events in Vancouver, including Startup Weekend
Photography	 Digital SLR photography: ballet, fine art, fashion, portraits Published & exhibited extensively in Cambridge, London, and online Portfolio available at http://claude.gallereasy.com
Interests	 Performing music, dance, kayaking, hiking, snowboarding, SCUBA diving, cycling, squash, tennis, table tennis, swimming
Travel	 Extensive travel to Europe, North America, Africa and the Middle East
Languages	Bilingual English & French. Conversational German, Spanish, Dutch, Hebrew

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