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## PROFILE

Experienced *Software Developer* working in the industry for over 9 years and recently graduated with a B.Sc. in Computing Science  
Specialized in rich-client web applications

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Website Developer

*PaigeeWorld.com*

Surrey, BC

September 2013 – Present

- Utilized a REST API to create the <https://www.paigeeWorld.com> website.
- The website runs on Backbone.js and uses modern HTML5 and CSS3 capabilities
- Used Phonegap/Cordova to create the highly rated PaigeeWorld Android app
- Customized the backend API, which involves working with Node.js, MongoDB, and Redis.

### Lead Applications Developer

*Executive ID Web Club Inc.*

Nanaimo, BC

September 2012 – September 2013

- Coordinated tasks for and interactions between junior developers
- Managed server infrastructure, introducing content caching and DDoS protection via CloudFlare and an automated semi-weekly backup system

### Website Developer

*HireTheWorld Enterprises Inc.*

Burnaby, BC

September 2010 – December 2010

- Worked directly with the CTO on front end and back end web development using the **CodeIgniter** MVC Framework

### Software Developer (Co-op)

*iHaus Solutions*

Vancouver, BC

May 2010 – August 2010

- Created a customized **web crawler** from scratch to search the web for relevant product information to populate in a **MySQL** database

### Website Developer (Co-op)

*Public Works and Government Services Canada*

Vancouver, BC

September 2009 – December 2009

- Developed **W3C** compliant web pages using **(X)HTML**, **CSS**, and **JavaScript** on the client side; **ColdFusion** running the Mach II **MVC** framework along with **MSSQL** on the server side
- Set up a **RedHat Linux** server to demonstrate possible performance savings; resulted in doubling server side performance on intranet website
- Wrote a shell script to automate commits for **Git** Version Control System
- Reduced support requests for main Content Management System by:
  1. Finding and automating common tasks
  2. Applying **User Interface Design** principles to make it easier to use
- Brought back for contract work after term was over

## Freelance/Entrepreneur

Surrey, BC

### Self Employed

Summer 2004 – Present

- Programmed in **PHP**, **CSS**, **HTML**, **JavaScript**, along with dealing with **MySQL** databases
- Designed and developed 3 websites for self and several for others. Made \$10,000 in 2006 working less than 5 hours a week
- Handled customer service issues firsthand and learned a lot of practical lessons of customer satisfaction, including the importance of establishing customer loyalty and keeping open communication with users

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### Diff Checker

April 2011 - Present

- Created an online **diff** tool in response to mediocre existing online offerings
- Year-over-year 300% growth since launch. Currently at 2500 visits/day

### Deal Compactor (Owner and CEO)

April 2011 - Present

- Developed a “daily deal **aggregator**” from scratch
- Marketed the website through Google Adwords, directories, and relationships with bloggers to get hundreds of users and growing fast

### Parrot Instant Messenger (for “Software Engineering I”)

May 2009 - September 2009

- A fully featured instant messaging program written in **Java**, supporting Twitter, ICQ, AIM and Jabber, made by a team of 10 SFU students
- Coordinated with the team using the **Subversion** Version Control System
- **Project Manager** for second half of term. Lead **SQLite** database designer and website designer.

URL: <http://code.google.com/p/parrot-im/>

### Thug Agency

2004-2007

- Owned, created, and managed “Thug Agency” online game at the age of 14
- Started off not knowing anything significant about web design, and learned the tools to create many websites, many of them successful. Among these tools are **PHP**, **MySQL**, **HTML**, **CSS** and **JavaScript** along with the skill to effectively use them together in a web server
- Set up a Virtual Private Server (**VPS**) to run website on; this involved installing **CentOS**, **Apache**, and many other web server technologies

Backup URL: <http://www.sidiqi.net/thug> (username: test, password: test)

## EDUCATION

### Simon Fraser University

Burnaby, BC

*B.Sc. Computing Science Major, English Minor*

September 2007 – April 2013

- Gained an academic viewpoint on software development
- Programmed in many languages: **C**, **C++**, **Java**, **Python**, **Haskell** and **Prolog**

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