

Les Cochrane

Summary

Experienced front-end developer, with a passion for making accessible, standards based, easy to use websites & web applications.

Work Experience

Camelot Group (National Lottery), Watford. Apr 2010 - Present

Production developer

Part of the Creative Services team working on front end delivery of a number of new features for the National Lottery website, including a revision of current Javascript implementation, & introduced JS unit testing thru JSpec. Technologies: (X)HTML, CSS, Javascript (inc jQuery & JSpec), PHP.

Moneysupermarket.com, Ewloe, North Wales. Jan 2010 – Apr 2010

CSS/Javascript developer

Working as part of a team of developers working on different channels for the moneysupermarket.com site. Responsible for (X)HTML, CSS, & Javascript (OO & jQuery) lead development & standards throughout the project. Using an Agile workflow, teamed with a combination of MSM developers & Thought Works consultants, in a challenging, fast paced environment. Technologies: (X)HTML, CSS, Javascript (inc jQuery & JsUnit), ASP.NET MVC.

Old Tin Roof, Leyland, Lancs. June 2008 - Present

Director/Freelance.

Working for a range of small to medium sized clients, helping to design & build both new & refreshed websites & applications. Technologies: HTML, CSS, Javascript (inc. jQuery & Prototype), Flash, PHP, .Net, Rails, MySQL, Various open source CMS platforms.

Addison Corporate Marketing, London. Summer 2006- Summer 2008

Interactive Design Director.

Senior design & development hands-on role, responsible for all interactive projects for Addison, design & production of shareholder communications for clients including BAA, Heineken, Premier League, RBS, Unilever, Vodafone, & WPP. Technologies: HTML, CSS, Javascript (inc jQuery & Prototype), Flash, XML, PHP, Rails, ASP.Net

SnowValley, London. Summer 2004 - Summer 2006

Head of User Experience.

Created & expanded the first design & user experience department for SnowValley, vastly improving their offering to large high street retail projects including Halfords, Toys-R-Us, & Lakeland Limited. A very hands-on role, I was responsible for all front end code & design guidance for all projects.

Various freelance positions, London & Bournemouth. 2001-04

Web Designer & Developer.

Education & Training

Real life Usability – Steve Krug (Don't make me think) – May 2009

Bournemouth University, Dorset. 2001-04

Interactive Media Production, Bachelor of Arts

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Skills Overview

Interaction design

With wide ranging experience in user centered design processes, I can turn my hand to simple, small web sites, as well as large-scale phased design projects. Happy working on my own or as part of a team, with a practiced eye for simplicity & usability.

Interaction development

Standards compliant code is at the core of my interaction development experience, & having introduced it to a number of development teams, I'm confident that any quality design can be turned into a great user experience. Coding to modern accessibility requirements is also a core part of my development process. Experience of usability testing labs, & coding for accessibility.

Web application development

Having built & worked on a number of web applications, including a RoR based secure file transfer application for blue chip clients; I can be a valuable resource to any development team. I excel in bridging the gap between the creative team and the development team, through clear communication & a good knowledge of each teams role.

Technical & Creative skills

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| (X)HTML | PHP |
| CSS | ASP |
| Javascript (inc frameworks) | MySQL |
| WCAG & ARIA | Ruby on Rails |
| | .NET |
| | SVN & Git |
| Photoshop | |
| Illustrator | Office |
| Image Ready | Visio |
| InDesign | Keynote |
| Flash | Mac & PC |