

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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# WORK EXPERIENCE

## **Self-employed full time web developer** **present**

- Developing and designing for clients on strict deadlines.
- Developing dynamic database-driven websites with custom backend systems created specifically for clients needs.
- Maintaining client relationships and developing new business leads.

## **Web developer at Welman Technologies** **2010-2011(1 year)**

- Front-end development of websites working alongside a designer.
- Responsible for DNS transfers and email accounts setup, transfers etc.
- Maintaining multiple client relationships for website updates, and Content Management System and email training.
- Designing, building and sending out promotional email newsletters for key clients.
- Customising the in-house Content Management System to suit front-end development needs.
- Assisting in streamlining work processes and website project management.
- Taking care of Search Engine Optimisation on-page and off-page for client websites.
- Writing monthly SEO reports for key clients indicating current performance, goals and progress.
- Managing key clients Google AdWords campaigns and writing monthly performance reports.

## **Self-employed part time web developer** **2005-2010**

- Developing and designing for clients on strict deadlines.

# SKILLS

## **HTML/CSS**

I am an expert at using both HTML and CSS. I hand code light, semantic and standards complaint HTML coupled with structured CSS stylesheets. I also stay up to date with the latest advancements in CSS3 and HTML5.

## **JQUERY AND JAVASCRIPT**

I use JQuery and JavaScript to enhance websites by adding motion and functionality.

## **RUBY ON RAILS**

Rails is my web framework of choice. I have been developing with it for many years now. It allows me to develop dynamic, database driven websites quickly and flexibly.

## **PHP**

I am competent at using PHP to create flexible and dynamic web applications.

## **MYSQL**

My database of choice is MySQL for its flexibility and widespread adoption.

**PHOTOSHOP**

Adobe Photoshop is my preferred tool for image optimisation, web prototyping and pixel-perfect design.

**MAC OSX**

I have been using Macintosh computers for as long as I can remember and am completely at home in Mac OS X.

**WINDOWS XP/7**

I am also comfortable using the Microsoft Windows operating system, and did so at Welman Technologies for a year.

**MICROSOFT OFFICE / OUTLOOK**

I am competent at using the entire Microsoft Office suite including Outlook and Access.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**

I have an excellent phone and email manner and great customer service skills honed through both managing my own projects and liaising with clients of Welman Technologies.

**ORGANISATION**

I am punctual, motivated, and able to meet deadlines. While at Welman Technologies I assisted in streamlining work processes and website project management.

**COMMUNICATION**

I believe that frequent and frank communications are key to a successful business relationship.

**TEAMWORK**

From experience both as a freelancer and working in a team I am flexible to my work environment and able to be a great team player or get things done by myself.

# PORTFOLIO

## **DELHI VILLAGE** – <http://delhivillage.org.nz>

A simple website I created for an eco-village / co-housing project starting up in Whanganui. The site runs on WordPress with a custom template. The Delhi Village stakeholders each have an individual account that they can post news from. The stakeholders have also appointed their own administrator to edit the website content from the WordPress backend.

## **RICHARD THOMPSON** – <http://richardthompson.co.nz>

A very simple content website for an independent consultant. The site features a clean and simple layout and a custom backend from which Richard can edit his website content.

## **BRIEFLY** – <http://briefly.co.nz>

Briefly is a concept for a new type of news website. The site runs on a custom Ruby on Rails backend, which allows my clients to easily add, remove and reorder news as it breaks. The backend also features image-cropping functionality. Another key feature of Briefly is the keyboard navigation on the front end; users can easily move between posts using the j and k keys.

## **PAPAITI RECORDS** – <http://papaiti.com>

I created this website for myself. It is a completely free online record label. Running in Ruby on Rails, Papaiti Records features an extensive backend for managing the artists, bootlegs, events and news.

## **EXAMPLES OF WEBSITES I BUILT AT WELMAN TECHNOLOGIES**

Brougham Heights Motel	<a href="http://www.broughamheights.co.nz/">http://www.broughamheights.co.nz/</a>
Ohariu Farm	<a href="http://www.ohariufarm.co.nz/">http://www.ohariufarm.co.nz/</a>
Altamont Lodge Lake Wanaka	<a href="http://www.altamontlodge.co.nz/">http://www.altamontlodge.co.nz/</a>
Thar and Feather Restaurant	<a href="http://www.southlandtavern.co.nz/">http://www.southlandtavern.co.nz/</a>
Reef Resort Taupo	<a href="http://www.accommodationtaupo.com/">http://www.accommodationtaupo.com/</a>