

Kumar Grant

Personal Statement

If you require a highly usable and accessible site, my passion for hand coding, thorough knowledge of web standards, and excellent graphic design skills will ensure your goals are met effectively with style. Also as an experienced website manager I can confidently coordinate both your web team and third party providers.

Work Experience

Freelance Web Developer & Designer // Dec '08 to present
Various clients, London

- Create bespoke content managed websites; each hand coded using *xHTML*, *CSS*, *JavaScript* and *PHP*, and designed in *Photoshop* and *Illustrator*.
- Recent clients include:
 - jasonyeomans.co.uk (*Channel 4 filmmaker and editor*)
 - hcct.org.uk (*Pioneering charity based in London*)
 - braindrop.co.uk (*Leading UK festival and rave organisers*)

Web Manager // Nov '06 to Dec '08
Hertsmere Borough Council, Hertfordshire

- Coordinated more than 20 web content authors; devised a management plan, trained all to use a Content Management System placing emphasis on writing quality web copy.
- Controlled budget; procured crucial third-party applications, training and services; used *XHTML*, *CSS*, basic *ASP* and *Photoshop* to integrate various components into the site.
- Produced critical review and developmental roadmap for website (hertsmere.gov.uk), presented to senior management board, used buy-in to direct a significant redesign of the website.

Web Developer & Consultant // Feb to Nov '06
EDT, London N1

- Acting as a consultant and temporary web manager, I ensured our largest client - Welwyn Hatfield Council - met government objectives before a tight launch deadline.

Education

BSc Physics & Philosophy (2.1), University of Bristol (2001-04)

In tackling rigorous mathematical analysis, Physics has provided great confidence when facing formidable technical challenges.

Philosophy has developed the ability to observe from many angles, discerning with a logical and yet open mind.

A-Levels: Maths - (A) Theatre Studies - (A) Physics - (B)
General Studies - (A) Philosophy A/S - (B)

GCSEs: Five A*s and four As

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Personal Skills

Hand coding

Constantly striving to learn new techniques, I love the problem solving nature of developing code by hand. Creating clean and valid semantic markup gives me great satisfaction.

Graphic design

With 4 yrs experience producing flyers, posters, CDs and banners for music events; translating creative ideas into print-ready artwork is second nature. For the web, I aim to use simple yet provocative design to communicate effectively.

Event management & business planning

In 2005 I began to run a monthly music event (Braindrop). Fierce personal drive, coordination and careful planning has seen it grow into one of the UK's largest and most popular.

Effective communication skills

Participating in a two week personal transformation seminar (Satvatove) in 2006 developed my empathy, listening skills and assertiveness. I continue to work hard at integrating these qualities into my life.

Technical Skills

XHTML & CSS	advanced
JavaScript & PHP	intermediate
MySQL	basic
Photoshop	advanced
Illustrator	intermediate
Microsoft Office	intermediate
Logic Studio 8	advanced

References

Excellent references available on request.