



Brett Dorrans

Front End Developer

About Me

I am a Front End Developer and Designer living and working in Glasgow, Scotland. I have been building websites professionally for over ten years.

I specialise in crafting responsive, usable interfaces using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. I am passionate about the latest web technologies and writing semantic, clean code. I have worked with clients ranging from local businesses and small startups to large multinationals including Autodesk, Clyde Blowers Capital, Gibson Guitars and Eden Mill St. Andrews.

Skills & Expertise

Professional Capabilities

- Application architecture and documentation
- Project planning using Agile/Scrum
- Wireframing and rapid prototyping
- Writing modular, reusable code using modern design patterns
- Mobile performance and optimisation
- Team and stakeholder management
- Graphic design and brand development

Skills

- Semantic HTML
- CSS including pre-processors (SASS, LESS)
- Strong JavaScript including jQuery and MVC frameworks
- PHP - WordPress and Laravel
- UI design and user story research
- Node.js
- SEO optimisation and analytics
- Design patterns and frameworks (Bootstrap, Foundation)
- Decoupled development using React.js and REST APIs
- Version control (Git)
- E-Commerce development (WooCommerce, OpenCart)
- Object Oriented development
- LAMP stack and server configuration
- MySQL and relational database design
- Front end tooling (gulp, grunt, npm, bower)
- Continuous integration and test driven development
- Adobe Creative Suite

Experience

Blue Square - Front End Developer

Oct 2016-Present

Brought aboard to modernise tooling for legacy applications. Introduced SASS, version control and scrum project management.

Ibiza Digital Media - Senior Digital Designer

Oct 2014-Sept 2016

Led a diverse team of designers and developers producing bespoke web design, web applications, and graphic design for web, print and social.

Designed and developed mobile-first responsive e-commerce website for Eden Mill St. Andrews using WordPress, WooCommerce and built on top of my bespoke gulp-based build system, getboilerplate.

Ran training seminars for high level stakeholders on Photoshop, Illustrator and web application use.

Developed online magazine, GlasgowLiving, serving 85,000 pageviews per month.

WordPress theme and plugin development with PHP, HTML, SASS and JavaScript.

Working with stakeholders at all levels to recommend best practises in implementing commercial ideas, coordinate communication and assess client requirements.

Managed full project lifecycle, scoped project costing and timescales.

Freelance

Sep 2009-Oct 2014

Illustration and graphic design for clients including The Skinny and The Guardian.

Advertising design and brand development for a variety of medium to large scale industries.

Developed e-learning application for native Canadian language training.

Responsible for designing and developing rich user interfaces using the latest web standards and technologies.

Overseeing all client side design and development at every stage of the project lifecycle, ensuring it was delivered at the highest standard.

Personal Projects

getstarted

<https://github.com/brettdorrans/getstarted>

My opinionated front-end boilerplate and SASS based static and WordPress theme boilerplate, with a streamlined and modular gulp-based workflow for rapid interface prototyping.

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