

# A. Benjamin Gore

implements **Creative | Developer | Adventurer | Polymath**



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## this. **objective**

Web developer with 5 years experience who . . .

- » Is a forceful advocate for the user
- » Demands elegance and extensibility on the back-end
- » Never stops learning new technologies and methodologies
- » Has broad interests which inform his development work
- » Strives for excellence in all fields

. . . seeks to bring these qualities to a creative design and development shop.

## this. **core\_skills**

Object Oriented PHP 5, MySQL, Ajax, JavaScript & jQuery, xHTML, CSS, Drupal, Subversion. Strong writing, editing, and verbal communications skills.

## this. **experience**

**[September to December 2008]**

**Thought Convergence, Inc.**

*PHP Developer*

User interface and back-end development using object-oriented PHP and Ajax in a high-volume environment. Implemented new products, improved extensibility of existing tools, internationalized core products.

**[2003 to Present]**

**Brave Cowboy Labs**

*PHP Developer | Sole Proprietor*

Built custom applications and dynamic websites primarily for non-profits and small businesses. Demands include good time management, self-motivation, and handling all details of a small business. [ Freelance/contract business ]

**[2008]**

**Pyramid Communications**

*PHP/Drupal Developer*

Part of a team including graphic designers and project managers at a leading Northwest communications consultant. Developed Drupal websites for area foundations and non-profits. Tutored project managers in HTML/CSS and basic PHP/Drupal techniques.

**[2001 to 2004]**

**Sierra Student Coalition**

*Communications Director*

Managed web development, print design, editing, and publishing for the student arm of the Sierra Club, the largest student environmental organization in the country. Additionally, facilitated meetings, managed a team of 5 volunteer producers, performed leadership development. [20 – 30 hrs/wk volunteer position]

**// other fields**

**[2005]**

**Harper's Magazine**

*Editorial Assistant/Researcher*

In-depth fact-checking of 'Index' and other features. Research for publisher and senior editors. [ full time / unpaid ]

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## this . education

**Bachelor of the Arts**

*Environmental Studies focusing in Creative Writing.*

**Middlebury College**

## this . selected\_projects

// **more details**, including screenshots, may be found at: [www.bravecowboy.com/portfolio](http://www.bravecowboy.com/portfolio). Code samples available by request.

### **AfterMarket.com Domain Manager**

**[www.domaintools.com/domain-manager](http://www.domaintools.com/domain-manager)**

AfterMarket.com allows users to sell domain names at live auctions and online. The Domain Manager allows the user to maintain a list of all of their domains, submit them for auction, transfer unsold domains to new auctions, and track status by auction. The program architecture is 'Ajax Deluxe' as described by Michael Mahemoff's *Ajax Design Patterns* -- it follows an event-triggered program flow, all data is loaded asynchronously, and the page never reloads.

**For:** Thought Convergence, Inc ( Full-time employee )

**Technologies Used:** Ajax, Ext-js, jQuery, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL

**Role:** Extended back and front ends to accomodate multiple auctions and to include 'My Domains' view.

### **Equine Voices Contact Database**

**[www.equinevoices.org](http://www.equinevoices.org)**

Constituent Relationship Management database for a small non-profit. This is another application with an 'Ajax Deluxe' architecture.

**For:** Equine Voices (Contract)

**Technologies Used:** Ajax, jQuery, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL

**Role:** All development and design.

### **GEAR UP Washington**

**[www.gearup.wa.gov](http://www.gearup.wa.gov)**

Drupal implementation with complex tagging functionality and extensive templating.

**For:** Pyramid Communications (Full-time employee)

**Technologies Used:** Drupal, PHP, JavaScript

**Role:** Web development, templating, graphics slicing.

### **My Space Designers**

**[www.myspacedesigners.com](http://www.myspacedesigners.com)**

Implemented a system where interior designers can create profiles similar to a Facebook or MySpace profile. Also implemented public-facing search functionality.

**For:** B-line Marketing (Contract)

**Technologies used:** PHP, MySQL

**Role:** All programming for profile creation, display, user authentication, and search within pre-existing template/style guides.

## this . other\_endeavors

- » Once built a non-motorized wooden sailboat from scratch and sailed it from Lopez Island, WA to Ketchikan, AK.
- » Spent five years as a professional bicycle mechanic.