

# Steven.W.MERRILL

## web & interactive developer

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### Objective

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My goal is to build engaging and accessible web and interactive experiences, preferably atop Drupal when possible. I also evangelize open-source software and contribute back to the community on a regular basis.

### Experience

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#### Web and Interactive Developer, Tree House Agency

Jun 2008 – Present

- ❖ Performing theming and implementation of high-traffic content-managed websites using Drupal.
- ❖ Collaborating internally and with external agencies such as Lullabot and Achieve Internet to theme and develop best-of-breed web experiences for clients like WPNI, NAMM, Virtuarte and Sony BMG.

#### Independent Contractor, PROD4EVER

May 2008 – July 2008

- ❖ Did module development, theming, and AJAX/Flash integration on the Bob Dylan web presence.
- ❖ Imported over 5000 nodes of data from a Bob Dylan superfan's database to populate the site.

#### Independent Contractor, 2XL Networks

May 2008 – Jun 2008

- ❖ Performed development and theming work on the Beyond Studios web presence.

#### Independent Contractor, NetPlatform, Inc.

Jan 2008 – Present

- ❖ Performing design, theming and implementation of content-managed websites using Drupal.
- ❖ Working to convert old CMSite-powered websites into Drupal-based sites to increase functionality, usability, and to allow member organizations to more easily share information.

#### Instructor and Webmaster, Bradley University

Sep 2006 – May 2008

- ❖ Taught classes in interactive development, web design, web development and mobile development. Collaborated with others to bring web standards into the classroom throughout the curriculum.
- ❖ Worked as technical lead on the interactive elements of the Campaign for a Bradley Renaissance Gala where my team integrated text messaging to build a memories application and live quiz show in Flash fed by a Drupal backend. Developed an iPhone interface to interact with the system without SMS.
- ❖ Worked to convert the college's web sites onto Drupal. Recorded and edited podcasts.

#### Independent Contractor, The IONA Group

Dec 2006 – Feb 2008

- ❖ Developed and themed web projects on the Ektron CMS400.NET and Drupal platforms.
- ❖ Developed interactions for Caterpillar and Rawlings using Flash.
- ❖ Trained employees on ASP.NET, C#, and Ektron CMS400.NET.

#### Web Developer > Lead Web Developer, Infogenic Systems

Jan 2003 – May 2005 > May 2005 – Sep 2006

- ❖ Developed a Flash-based framework to present images, videos, and text based on an extensible XML file format for a Caterpillar interactive CD.
- ❖ Maintained, actively developed, and supported an in-house content management system called CMSite built on PHP and MySQL, including modules for HTML email newsletters, an event calendar, ad banners, RSS feeds, and a phpBB news aggregator. Developed multiple websites with this tool.
- ❖ Elected Team Player of the Year 2005 by my peers.



## Education

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### Bradley University

2000 – 2005

GPA: 3.79

I graduated from Bradley University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Multimedia and a minor in Computer Science. I was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi academic honors societies and was awarded the Scholarship Award for having the highest GPA of all graduating Multimedia majors.

I was also actively involved in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity, being elected President and Education Officer for two terms apiece and also winning the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Honor Award upon graduation.

### Manhattan School of Music

Expected Graduation: 2010

I am currently pursuing my Masters in Music in Vocal Performance at Manhattan School of Music.

## Speaking Engagements

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### DrupalCon

March 2008

Brian McMurray and I were selected as one of the 16 groups to present in the Site Building track at the Boston DrupalCon. We gave our second presentation on Druplash and Druplex, content-managed Flash and Flex sites powered by Drupal. We also addressed the limitations of full Flash sites, methods to overcome these limitations, open source tools for Flash, and how to use our SWFAddress module for enhanced SEO and accessibility.

### Regional Drupal Meetups

January 2008 -

Brian and I have also spoken about Druplash/Druplex and other topics at regional Drupal meetups since the start of this year. We presented on Druplash/Druplex and I did a pickup session on web standards at DrupalCampWI in January 2008. I went and presented a lot of the sites I have done to a regional meeting of the Central Illinois Drupal Users Group in March 2008. Brian and I both volunteered to present sessions at DrupalCampUIUC in April 2008, and we also tag-teamed an entire morning of training when we hosted a Drupal BootCamp on Bradley University's campus in May 2008. Over 40 people attended our camp, some coming from as far away as Chicago to participate.

## Primary Skills

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Standards-Based (X)HTML

CSS

JavaScript and AJAX using primarily jQuery

Object-Oriented PHP

MySQL and MSSQL

ASP.NET using primarily C#

Ektron CMS400.NET site implementation

Photoshop, Illustrator, and Premiere

Drupal module development

Drupal theme implementation

Drupal as a platform using AMFPHP and JSON

Flash, Flex and Flash Lite using AS2 and AS3

SMS integration and current mobile web standards

Development of iPhone mobile web applications

## References

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References are available upon request.