



HELLO, I'M STEPHEN CHAI

I'm an interactive designer and front-end developer living in Salt Lake City, Utah.
I work hard. I'm committed to my craft. I like to have a good time. Good design is a good time.

Check out my portfolio: <http://stephen.chai.name>

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EXPERIENCE

2011 - 2013

Interactive Designer, Struck

Interactive design for a variety of clients and mediums in a challenging, fast-paced agency environment.

Led projects, concepted ideas and collaborated across teams in rapid-fire pitches.

Ensured design fidelity with a team of developers and quality-assurance engineers.

Worked with a talented team of account reps, producers, writers, art directors and creative directors.

Drank way too much coffee while talking philosophy with tortured creative souls.

Burned the midnight oils and even wrote and recorded a song for a client.

2010 - 2011

Senior Front-End Designer / Developer, Neutron Interactive

Concepted, designed and coded websites using HTML, CSS, JS and Django templates.

Fused the company's back-end nerdery with its marketing number-crunching.

Enjoyed a killer work environment with on-site yoga, catered lunches and great people.

Eventually left to pursue more challenging work.

2008 - 2009

Lead Designer, Frogzog

Web-application development for a SMS-based mobile coupon startup.

Worked with a tiny team of two — later three — people to furnish anything the company needed.

Designed web sites, billboards, branding, collateral and clothing.

Developed database schemas, frameworks, objects, interactions, interfaces and analytics.

Wore lots of hats and got great experience, but ultimately this startup didn't really start up.

Since 2007

Freelance, Stephen Chai Design, LLC

I often work on a freelance basis to design and develop for clients such as:

Velo City Bags, a custom messenger bag and bike accessory maker.

The Copper Onion and Plum Alley, hotspot restaurants (currently in-progress).

Hertho, an upscale outdoor fireplace designer (currently in-progress).

And, rather too often, friends and family.

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SOFTWARE

Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Textmate, and plenty of others, ask for specifics.

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SKILLS, EXPERTISE, &c

Design: Web, Responsive, Mobile, App (iOS / Android), Installations

Direction: Ideation, Art Direction, Branding & Identity, Social Strategy

Development: HTML5, CSS3, JS, jQuery, PHP, MySQL, Django Templates, git, BASH

Planning: User-Experience, Wireframing, Usability

&c: Written Communications, Project Management, Music Performance / Production

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PERSONALITY

I'm an easy-going guy that likes to get things done, and done right — falling somewhere between

The Big Lebowski and Captain Jean-Luc Picard. I'm passionate but play well with others.

I find extra hours in the day for things I care about: art, eats, family, friends and music.

I collect musical instruments, and can play most of them fairly well.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

2008

AAS, SLCC

Visual Art & Design Associate's Degree with a Design Specialization.

Consistently won top awards and recognition in department art shows.

2011

An Event Apart

Two-day conference with discussions about web design, content strategy,

mobile development, web typography and CSS methodology.

2008

Voices That Matter

Three-day conference with discussions about web design strategies,

technologies, trends, typography and development.