

# RYAN OLSON

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Web Developer

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## Profile

Thrive on evolution. Progressively enhance the user experience with available edge technology while maintaining compatibility for less fortunate browsers. I believe in the power of semantic code to drive the application to its peak results and performant abilities.

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## Skills

### Front-end

Employ best practices and new technologies to deliver a semantic and speedy experience.

### Teaching

Create tutorials and engage newcomers to aid in passing the knowledge along.

### Community

Be engaged in the industry, attend conferences and contribute to open source.

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## Technical

HTML5

Jquery

WordPress

TextMate

CSS3

PHP

Joomla!

Transmit

Javascript

Git

Magento

Photoshop

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## Notables

### Avid Tutorial Writer

Have written many tutorials and recorded screencasts on web development topics and have been published on development sites such as Tutorial9.net and net.tutsplus.com.

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### Field Involvement

Maintain many personal projects to both help the development community and end-users, such as an educational movement site to encourage browser upgrades, browsingbetter.com, and a website devoted to tips and tricks of a popular text editor, textmateuser.

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### Industry Approval

Recognized as an approved theme modifier for Obox-design and an affiliated WooWorker for customization of WordPress and Tumblr themes.

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## Experience

Sequoia Technologies  
Front-end Developer

2010-Present

Develop websites based on clients needs and revisions. Employ new and emerging technologies such as HTML5 and CSS3. Innovate ways for non-technical clients to easily interact with their website administration.

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Freelance  
Web Developer

2007-Present

Variety of custom development including custom WordPress and Joomla! themes, jQuery and WordPress plugins.

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## Education

Diablo Valley College - Pleasant Hill, CA  
Computer Science & Mathematics — **3.6 GPA**

Why No Degree?

I initially enrolled in college not know what I wanted to do, and took C++ because it seemed like a good language to learn. This accompanied by upper maths courses became less fun than I originally hoped for. I had started learning web design on my own and pretty much fell in love with it. Once I began taking on a few freelance clients and found out that I could learn on my own and make someone happy with a final product, and on top of that they would pay me for it, I was sold.

I never acquired a two-year or any other degree type because I had found my calling. I began working day and night to learn all that I could and drove myself to be sought and hired into the web development field after only a year. I found my passion and it was outside of the education system, therefore I left and pursued this career which I thoroughly enjoy.

I mean, how many people go to work all day, and come home to continue work, or spend time on personal projects of the same genre until the wee hours of the night? Not many I would bet, which is why I know I am where I belong.

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