



Cory Simmons

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About

I've made very popular open-source frontend tools (two 3,000+ star projects) which are used in production frequently by small agencies and large corporations. I've written articles for some of the largest publishers in the industry about unique approaches to very common problems, and a book on responsive web-design. I've spoken at a few large conferences and Meetups. I've lead frontend development on sites with tens of millions of visitors.

Skills

I'm **very good** at: design, typography, HTML, CSS, ES5, ES6, jQuery, WordPress, PHP, Node.js, Grunt, Gulp, npm scripts, creating CLI tools, Browserify, PostCSS, Stylus, Sass, grid systems, frontend performance, working with RESTful APIs.

I'm **pretty good** at: PHP, WebPack, Illustrator, Photoshop.

I've **studied, but not used** much of: React, Laravel, Vue, Express, Rollup, After Effects, developing RESTful APIs.

I've **bumbled around** with: Ruby on Rails, Django, devops (Vagrant), sysops (Digital Ocean), Redux.

Work History

Grist

April 2015 — June 2016

Created mini-sites while helping migrate their architecture from SVN/Grunt to GitHub/Gulp. While there, I also implemented AMP and tapped into Google Maps API to show people how many hamburgers of Co2 their flight cost.

MojoTech

October 2013 — February 2015

I worked on the Teespring tee-shirt designer app. I was responsible for cleaning up the entire project's codebase and safely migrating the app from a grab-bag of frameworks to a single, well-organized, custom framework. While there I had a side project called Jeet which garnered a lot of attention from the web-development community (and has since gone on to become the most popular Stylus framework on GitHub), and won a Site of the Day Awwward.

Envato

March 2013 — January 2015

Wrote articles and created video courses on a variety of frontend topics including unique solutions to common problems like responsive typography, client-side validation, and using the calc property for grid math.

References

"Cory gets things done. Whether he was developing a new feature or overhauling a part of the codebase that needed some love, he always delivered. I was particularly impressed with his seemingly endless supply of insights and inventions aimed at making our day-to-day tasks easier. He was easy to get along with and had a positive impact on team chemistry and morale. I highly recommend him!"

Suresh Murty Developer at NOLS

"Cory is one of those developers who codes till his fingers get tired... and then codes some more. When he has a problem to solve he comes at it with a unique approach. He constantly amazes me with his ability to tackle and solve some of the grid's most challenging problems and his work has not only inspired myself as a developer and person but thousands of developers around the world. There are countless sites that have Cory's handiwork enabling their success."

Peter Ramsing Frontend Architecture Consultant & Open Source Maintainer

"Cory Simmons is a developer with an innate understanding of design—a formidable combination of talents that make for web pages which are a pleasure to experience. He has demonstrated good team spirit, and his curiosity for how things work produces solutions that are thoughtful. It was a pleasure to work with Cory, and the projects that we collaborated on are the better for his input."

Mignon Khargie Co-founder of Salon & Design Director at Grist