Phuc Nguyen

Full-stack Web Developer & Startup Founder

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PROFILE

I am a full-stack web developer with a combination of multi-disciplinary skills and experiences. This skillset allows me to consider the problem at hand from different perspectives to choose and engineer the best solution.

- Founded and ran an SaaS business (exited in late 2013)

- Think thoughtfully. Questions I often have in mind when solving a new problem:

  - "Is this a real, valid problem? Can we improve our business modal/processes/operations so that this kind of problem doesn't exist in the first place?"

  - "Should I solve this as a stand-alone issue, or is it part of a larger problem?"

  - "Besides solving the problem, is there anything I can do in this part of the codebase to pave a better road for future development work?"

- Pay attention to and be aware of the importance of small details, in everything, be it conversation, feature description or code.

- Look at a problem from various perspectives (user, developer, business stakeholder) to discuss and engineer the best solution. Be aware that sometimes the best solution may be a non-technical one.

- Be proactive and resourceful. I can work without supervision and need very little instruction to get things done, the right way. I can talk with the customers, realize what they really want to say but don't know how, identify the main pain points, and provide the best solution suite including business processes, technologies, UI, UX and coding.

- (Really) listen to others. Not only understand what they want to say, but also try to be aware of their thought process, motivation, emotional state, potential bias,... and combine these insights to have better collaborations.

- Write code that is beautiful, elegant, well-structured and reusable.

- Build applications that are not only functional but also beautiful, delightful and easy to use.

Here is what Ian Serlin, founder of Useful IO LLC, has to say after 7 months working with me:

I recommend Phuc 100% to anyone serious about delivering epic user experiences. You know that finding a developer who understands human behavior, implements best practices, writes solid co de and communicates effectively is nearly impossible. Phuc Nguyen is this kind of developer, a great person and a pleasure to work with:

- Phuc was implementing some of the most sophisticated UIs and functionalities we've ever developed within the first month of hiring him.
- He is equally successful when given very detailed specs, and when given broad flexibility to design a best-in-class UX himself.
- His feedback to the team is always thoughtful, insightful and from the heart.
- Attention to detail can make or break an application, and Phuc has his eye on the details all the time.
- Communication across multiple timezones is never a problem.

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

I have been working with Meteor extensively for more than one year (since version 0.6.5). For the last 7 months I worked at Useful IO LLC, a San Francisco-based development shop, and contributed to several Meteor projects.

Technologies I have experience with:

- Languages:
  - Proficient: ECMAScript/JavaScript
  - Used in the past: CoffeeScript, Java, Python, Ruby
  - Interests and curiosity: C, Lisp, Swift
- Tools: jQuery, Underscore.js, D3.js, Moment.js, Fabric.js, Bootstrap 3, LESS
- Design Language: [Google Material Design](#)
- Database: MongoDB (familiar), MySQL (basic exposure)
- APIs: Saasu, Braintree, Google Maps

PAST PROJECTS

WhiteRabbitExpress
Special order anything from Japan | Meteor Application
March 2014 - June 2014

- Architected and implemented the order management process, including:
  - Order creation, modification & cancellation
  - Payment processing (using the Braintree API)
  - Collaboration flow and tool for customers and staffs

  Demonstration: http://www.screencast.com/t/NfwbJyPHKza

- Implemented the packages life cycle management process, including:
  - Management of packages moving in and out of warehouse
  - Consolidation of small packages into a single package
  - Package shipping
- Architected and implemented an API for easy interaction with the Saasu online accounting platform (https://github.com/usefulio/meteor-saasu)
- Architected user roles scheme and implemented admin panel for users management
- Integrated the MessageFormat package for multilingual support
- Made key decisions on UI and UX of various application views

SmartTAB Admin Module
Admin module for SmartTAB - Innovative point of sale, business management, and customer payment solutions | Meteor Application
July 2014 - September 2014

- Refactored a large unorganized codebase into a well-structured application
- Made key decisions on UI and UX of various application views
- Implemented Menu Designer - a gradient responsive grid where owners of restaurants and bars can create, modify and arrange menu items by drag-n-drop. Each cell's foreground and background colors are automatically calculated based on the item's relative position within the grid, using an algorithm that makes sure texts are always easily readable.

  Demonstration: http://www.screencast.com/t/JTYCWIdzrAv7

- Implemented Room Simulator - an interactive pad where business owners can design basic layout of a room. Built with Fabric.js.

  Demonstration: http://www.screencast.com/t/JEqWXWdg5p

FlavorPlease

Gourmet food trucks now bookable online | Meteor Application

September 2014 - October 2014

- Implemented the customer management module
- Implemented trucks filtering functionality

IMABOX

Online Backup & Sync Service Targeting Vietnam Market | Private Business

January 2013 - October 2013

IMABOX is a company I founded in early 2013. The company aimed to provide an affordable backup and sync service for Vietnamese internet users, with the following features:

- Fully localized User Interface
- Technical support in local language
- Offline payment options for people not having an online payment tool
- Reasonable price compared to Vietnam's living standard

We obtained a reseller license from Livedrive Internet Ltd, a UK cloud storage company.

My roles:

- Assembled and managed a team of students from multiple disciplines
- Developed a website and integrated it with the Livedrive API
- Planned customer acquisition and marketing strategies
- Designed the customer support process and trained the support team
- Financial planning

MORE ABOUT ME

Open-source projects & contributions:

- Meteor URL Shortener: github.com/npvn/meteor-url-shortener | shorten.meteor.com
- Material Design for Meteor: github.com/npvn/meteor-material-design | material.meteor.com
- Bootstrap Material Design
- Meteor Saasu API: github.com/usefulio/meteor-saasu

I occasionally write at phucnguyen.info/blog.

MY EXPECTATIONS

- I want to work with a team of experienced Meteor developers from whom I can learn. Growing and learning are my highest priorities.
- I am looking for a long-term job (3 months or more) and prefer remote work.

CONTACT

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