

# Donald Tetto makes interfaces.

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## **Skills**      **Frontend Engineering**

I write JavaScript like I mean it—and write mean HTML and CSS, too. (Or sometimes it's CoffeeScript, and view templates, and Sass.) I code fast today but, more importantly, lay groundwork so the whole team can code fast tomorrow. I like model-view-whatever architectures, frequent deploys, JSON APIs, asking questions, and seeking answers. And I can take my programmer's mind and wade happily (if carefully) into backends, databases, and new languages.

## **Interface Design**

All that code is only meant to serve people, of course. So I care just as deeply about creating experiences that make those people happy. I like to distill complicated tools into simple interactions...or to design a simpler tool in the first place. I design with intent and make decisions thoughtfully. I know what makes something easy to use or easy to understand, that users should only have to think when they want to, and how important friendliness is every step of the way.

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## **Experience**      **Frontend Engineer, Findery, 2011-Present**

As the sole frontend engineer during Findery's first year, I shepherded the location-based storytelling startup's desktop and mobile experience from rough prototype through high-fanfare public launch as a Backbone.js-powered webapp. Along the way, I've had the freedom to invent handfuls of tiny interface details that make its complex functionality intuitive. And, as a member of its small team, I've helped steer major and minor product decisions, contributed to API and functional specs, and dabbled in both the Rails- and Node-powered backends as well as Ember.js.

## **Frontend Engineer, White Whale Web Services, 2006-2011**

At White Whale—a boutique design-and-development agency for higher-ed—I was the lead interface designer and frontend engineer of LiveWhale, an extensive and extensible CMS used by colleges and universities nationwide. I was also responsible for the semantic and accessible buildout deliverables (HTML templates, CSS, JavaScript, and assets) for innovative top-level sites for clients like Middlebury, Lewis & Clark, Kenyon, Brown, and Penn.

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## **Education**      **Brown University, BA Literary Arts, 2006**

Though I took select web-relevant courses in both computer science and cognitive science, my major was in poetry. Really.

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**Personal**      I like bikes, books, and swimming holes. I approach the world philosophically and turn off my computer on weekends. I've been building websites since 1996 and sometimes put poems, photos, and videos at <http://tetto.org/>.