

Hi, I'm **Donald Tetto**.
I design and build the heck out of interfaces.

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Skills **HTML5 Development**
And everything that that means: I'm a semantics and standards geek, write impeccable HTML and CSS, and am awesome with DOM scripting (jQuery is my framework of choice). I can render a static mockup pixel-perfectly—but know why that shouldn't be the goal. I like neat new tools but keep an eye on graceful degradation. I always write the HTML first. I love JSON and hate needless server requests. I write code that reads well.

Interfaces and Interaction Design

I think hard about every aspect of user experience. I know what makes something easy-to-use or easy-to-understand; that the way an interface feels matters as much as the way it looks; that users should only have to think when you want them to; and, most importantly, how important friendly writing is every step of the way. I follow typographic rules and like grid systems. I know that details count.

Backend comfort

I'm comfortable enough with PHP and MySQL to write lightweight scripts and queries or to make the changes I need to existing code. I like to work with internal and external APIs and I understand what a backend colleague needs from a handshake. And I'm naturally intellectually curious, so I'm a quick study at picking up new languages.

Experience **Developer, White Whale Web Services 2006-2011**
As the sole frontend developer at White Whale, I wrote all the HTML, CSS, and Javascript for top-level university websites (such as middlebury.edu, kenyon.edu, or law.berkeley.edu). I collaborated with designers; made complex PSDs into beautiful, standards-based sites with tricks up their sleeves; and made countless interface decisions along the way. I was solely in charge of accessibility and browser compatibility while working with (rightfully!) picky higher-ed clients. And I worked with client staff to implement these templates across a wide variety of backend systems and platforms.

In addition, I served as developer and chief interface designer of LiveWhale, White Whale's proprietary CMS, which makes website editing easy and fun for non-technical users. I also spec'd new features; wrote documentation and marketing copy; trained end-users on-site; was first point of contact for customer support; and collaborated with backend developers on public and private APIs. LiveWhale has thousands of users at universities nationwide.

Designer and Developer, Freelance 2002-2006

Photographer, Freelance 2002-2006

Education **Brown University, BA Literary Arts, 2006**
While I took a handful of web-relevant courses in both Computer Science and Cognitive Science, I pursued a different passion at Brown: poetry composition, in which I completed a thesis and graduated with Honors (and a 3.9 GPA).

The Internet, 1996-Present

...but I've been teaching myself about the web since the heyday of Geocities. These days I keep myself firmly grounded in new specifications and release notes while learning the latest tricks from design blogs and plenty of view-source.

Personal I've managed a several-hundred-user online poetry workshop for 10 years—it now hosts over 40,000 poems. Since I designed it in high school, it's taught me many lessons about online community-building—which I'm currently using to implement a 2.0 version. Once upon a time, I wrote a popular photoblogging script called Folderblog. I regularly make creative things and sometimes put them online.

I write poems, take photos, and ride a bike. It's red.