



Job Description

Coldfusion Web Developer

Background to Dott 07

Dott 07 (Designs of the time) is a year long project exploring how design can make a positive difference to our lives. Dott, an initiative of the UK Design Council and One NorthEast, will be working with communities and individuals in the region through 2007.

The aim is to involve people in a variety of design projects as active participants.

Dott 07 is the first in a ten-year series of events, each in a different region or devolved nation of the UK. Every two years it will move to a different region or nation, drawing on the experiences and achievements gained here. It will encourage people to think about design innovation as something that contributes to the cultural, economic and social success of the country.

Dott 07 has six core themes that are inspired by aspects of daily life where things can be improved. Each Dott project or activity is assigned to a core theme; Health, Food, School, Energy, Sustainable Tourism or Mobility.

Dott 07's inspired by the question 'Who Designs Your Life?' It will focus on community projects, education projects, and stage exhibitions and events that explore how good design can benefit our lives.

The year will culminate in one big event held in Newcastle/Gateshead in October 2007. The Dott Festival will celebrate the achievements of all the participants with Creative Community Awards going to the most successful projects. It will be an opportunity to look at what's been learned and how the Dott legacy will continue into the future.

Objective of the Coldfusion Web Developer

To develop, maintain and provide on-going technical knowledge and assistance to the production and development of the Dott 07 (Designs of the time) website and additional applications.

Key Areas of Expertise

- excellent knowledge of ColdFusion MX 7, HTML, CSS, Javascript
- a good web server knowledge, including Windows 2000 Server and Apache
- a very good understanding of databases to develop and maintain the in-house database
- understanding of MySQL Database Server and SQL and proven experience of databases

The Dott 07 Website

The current Dott 07 website launched in July 2006 and a restructure of content and navigation took place in December 2006. The site consists of dynamic content pages, blogs, messageboards, forms and podcasts. The website uses the FarcryCMS, so an understanding of CMS systems and knowledge of Farcry would be an advantage.

Over the coming months a number of areas on the website will be developed including the Dott Festival, which takes place in October 2007. We are always looking to improve the running and user experience of the website, so input, suggestions and a pro-active approach from the web developer is necessary.

The website is the main platform for the public to access Dott 07 information, including details on our events and updates on our projects.

The Role

We are looking for an enthusiastic and communicative team member with at least 2 years experience as a ColdFusion web developer. The right candidate will be experienced in the production and development of websites, and have good technical knowledge of web publishing techniques.

The role requires the individual to develop, maintain and provide on-going technical knowledge and assistance to the production of the Dott 07 (Designs of the time) website and applications.

Responsibilities will include:

- developing and maintaining the technical aspects of the Dott 07 website
- ensuring the accessibility and usability of the website is to the highest standard
- managing the housekeeping and running of the (hired) dedicated server the website is hosted on
- developing and maintain the internal contact database (built using Coldfusion and MySQL)
- liaising with the external IT contractor and provide simple day to day IT support, including daily local server backups
- keeping abreast of new developments in client and server side technology and share information, ideas and best practice with team.
- creating and manipulate basic graphics for incorporation into interactive output. A good working knowledge of Photoshop would be an advantage.
- editing, digitising and encoding audio and video material, incorporating these into interactive output. A good working knowledge of Adobe Premiere would be an advantage.
- other tasks as required by the Web Managing Editor

The position is a contract until 31st December 2007.

Salary range: 20K – 25K

From time to time the job entails working extended hours so a flexible approach to hours of work is required. The regular office hours are 9am – 5.30pm.

Additional Information

Additional knowledge of programming in other languages such as Ajax, PHP, etc would be an advantage.

Person Specification

The successful candidate will ideally:

- have excellent interpersonal skills
- have the ability to simplify complex problems or projects into component parts, exploring and evaluating them systematically
- have the ability to identify and resolve problems
- have the ability influence, persuade and to present sound and well reasoned arguments to effectively convince others
- be comfortable dealing with people at all levels within the organisation and externally
- be a self starter able to work independently and as part of a team
- be ready and able to take initiative, taking a proactive approach to work without close supervision
- have the ability to get a message understood clearly by adopting a range of styles, tools and techniques appropriate to the audience and the nature of the information.
- be available to start work as soon as possible

How to Apply

Please send your C.V and covering letter, including salary expectations and examples of work, electronically or by post, to Claire Capaldi. Contact details below.
The closing date is **Friday 2 February 2007.**

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