Colin Copeland

copelco@caktusgroup.com 5217 Farrington Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27517 Mobile: (440) 522-5184

Experience

Member/Owner

 $Fall\ 2007-present$

Caktus Consulting Group, LLC

Chapel Hill, NC

• Established a computer consulting business with three partners focusing in database enabled websites.

Programmer May 2007

Earlham College, Computer Science Department

Richmond, IN

- Developed software to interface with YSI sensors for a KECK Foundation funded research project focusing on metals in the environment.
- Developed general purpose data logger (written in Perl, Python and Django) and protocol to allow embedded field systems to communicate with server.

Co-founder and Programmer

Summer 2006 – 2007

Earlham Energy Awareness Project (EEAP), Earlham College

Richmond, IN

- Developed a Ruby on Rails website as an incentive program to increase energy awareness of students living in campus housing.
- Received funding to develop on-campus monitoring system from proposed *EEAP Expansion: Real Time Monitoring*.
- Developed circuit and kernel module to monitor power consumption.

Web Programmer

Summer 2006

Oberlin College, Office of College Relations

Oberlin, OH

• Programmed in PHP, Perl, HTML, and CSS to maintain content, develop blogs, and create scripts to ease content management.

Main Programmer/Senior VP

2004

Blufire Software

Ohio

• Co-founded Macintosh software company that developed small utilities and games.

Education

Earlham College, Richmond, IN

 $2003-{\rm May}\ 2007$

- B.A., Computer Science, May 2007
- Thesis: Economical Real-Time Monitoring of Power Consumption
 - Researched and developed a cheap, cost-effective automated system to provide frequent feedback and convey consumption information to facilitate energy conservation and awareness.
 - Developed on small embedded systems running Linux and built signal conditioning circuits.
 - Programmed kernel modules to poll sensors at discrete intervals.

 Classes: Algorithms & Data Structures, Principles of Computer Organization, Theory of Computation, Ford/Knight Research Project (PHP project), Operating Systems, Networks & Networking, Database Systems, Software Engineering, Independent Study (Database project), Senior Seminar

Academic Experience

Software Engineering, Computer Science Department

Summer 2006 - Fall 2006

- Developed data mining, processing, and presentation system named scrAPI.
 - Data: Developed programming interface to generically search and process data on websites.
 - Presentation: Created presentation interface that allowed users to view "scraped" information on a Google map.

Sustainable Systems, Environmental Programs

Summer 2006 - Fall 2006

- Setup solar hot water heater and water pump powered by PV panel.
- Designed with team of 3 students and professor.

Hardware Interface Project (HIP), Computer Science Department

2006 - May 2007

- Worked with embedded systems running Linux and developed software to interface with wind speed and direction sensors.
- Cross-compiled software to run on ARM architecture.

Skills

- Languages: Python, SQL, C, C++, PHP, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, LATEX, Perl, Java,
- Web Frameworks: Django, Ruby on Rails
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL
- Applications: Adobe Photoshop, Inkscape, Apple Final Cut Pro
- Platforms: MacOS X, GNU/Linux (Debian), Embedded Linux Systems

References

Available upon request.