

From Drupal NYC to the White House and Beyond

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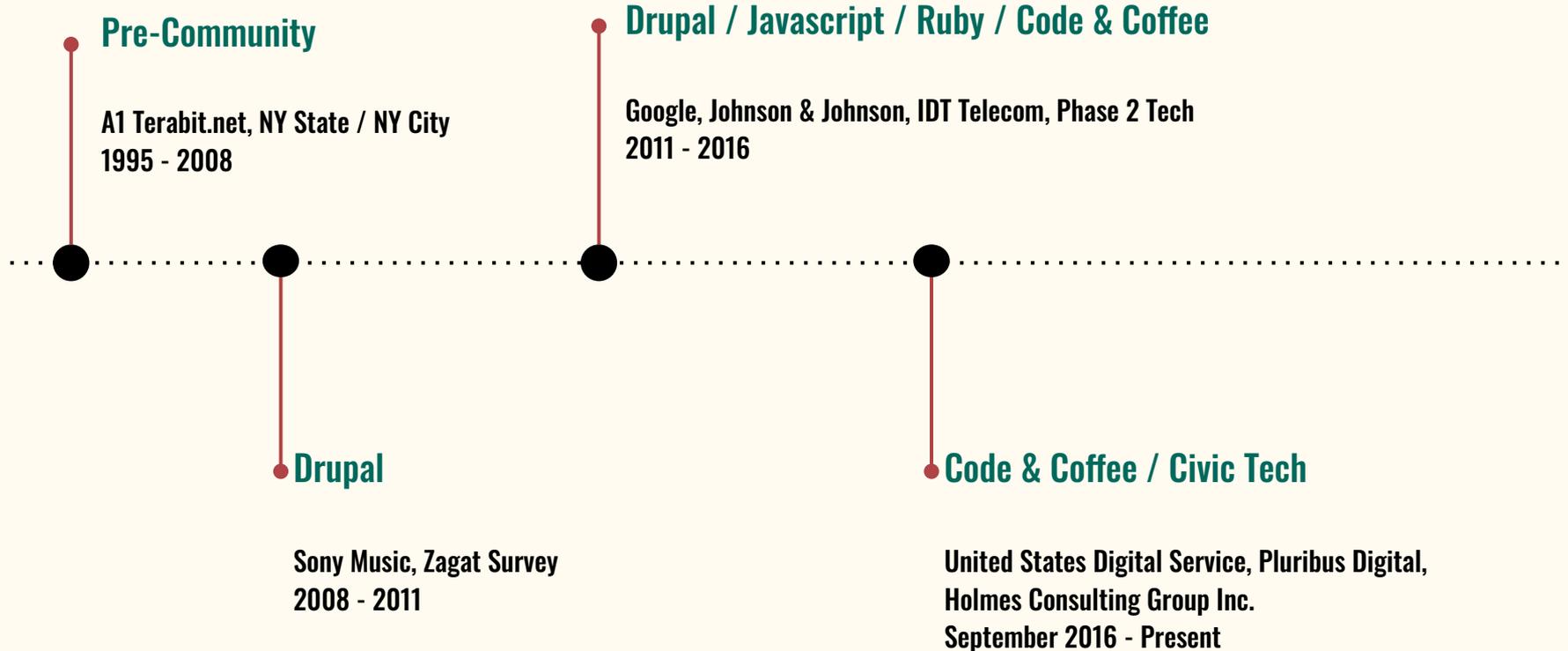
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Hi, I'm Robbie

I am excited to talk about my unconventional career path and how it has been directly impacted by the the communities I have participated in starting with Drupal NYC.



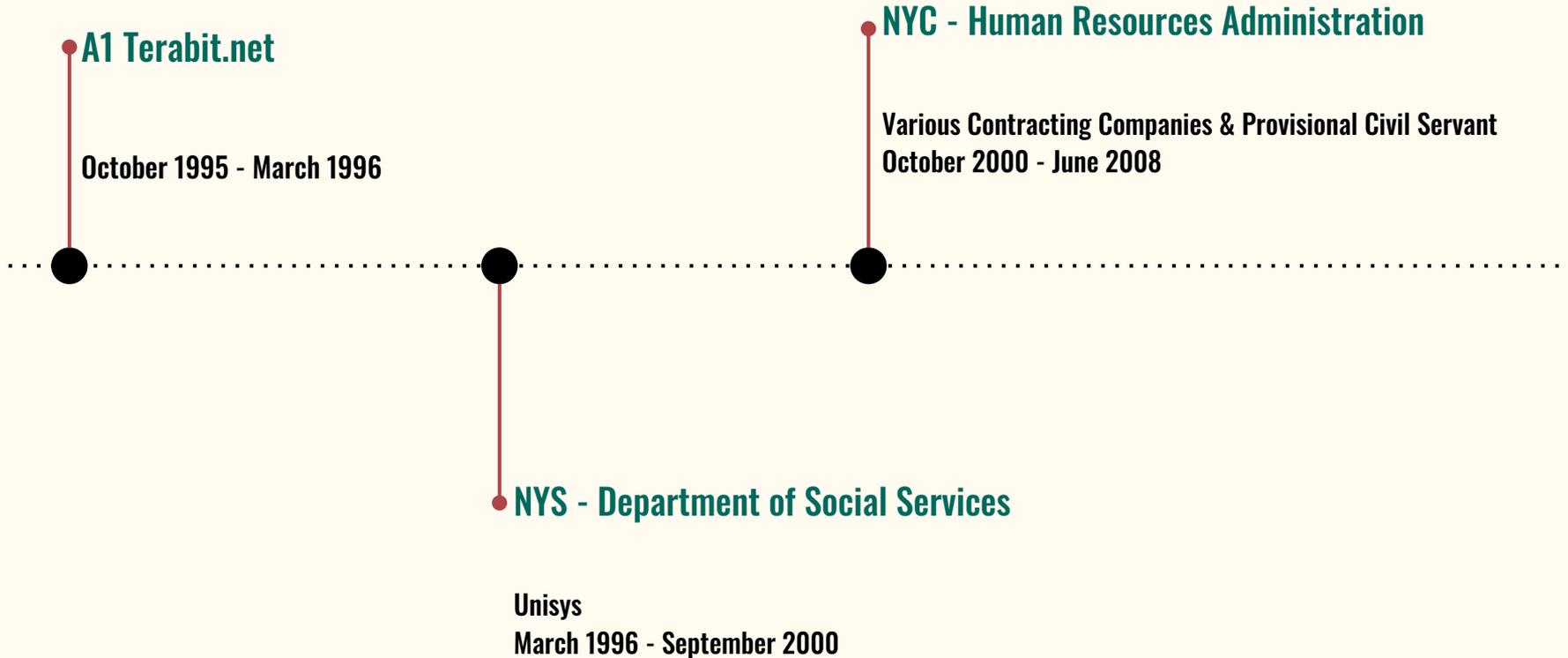
Robbie's Journey from No Community to All the Communities



Pre-Communities

- **13 Years of IT experience**
 - **1st IT job - A1 Terabit.net hosting systems engineer**
 - **4 years at NY State - Department of Social Services (Unisys)**
 - **8 years at NY City - Human Resources Administration (contracting and provisional)**
 - **Hand rolled websites...**
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Robbie's Journey - Pre Communities





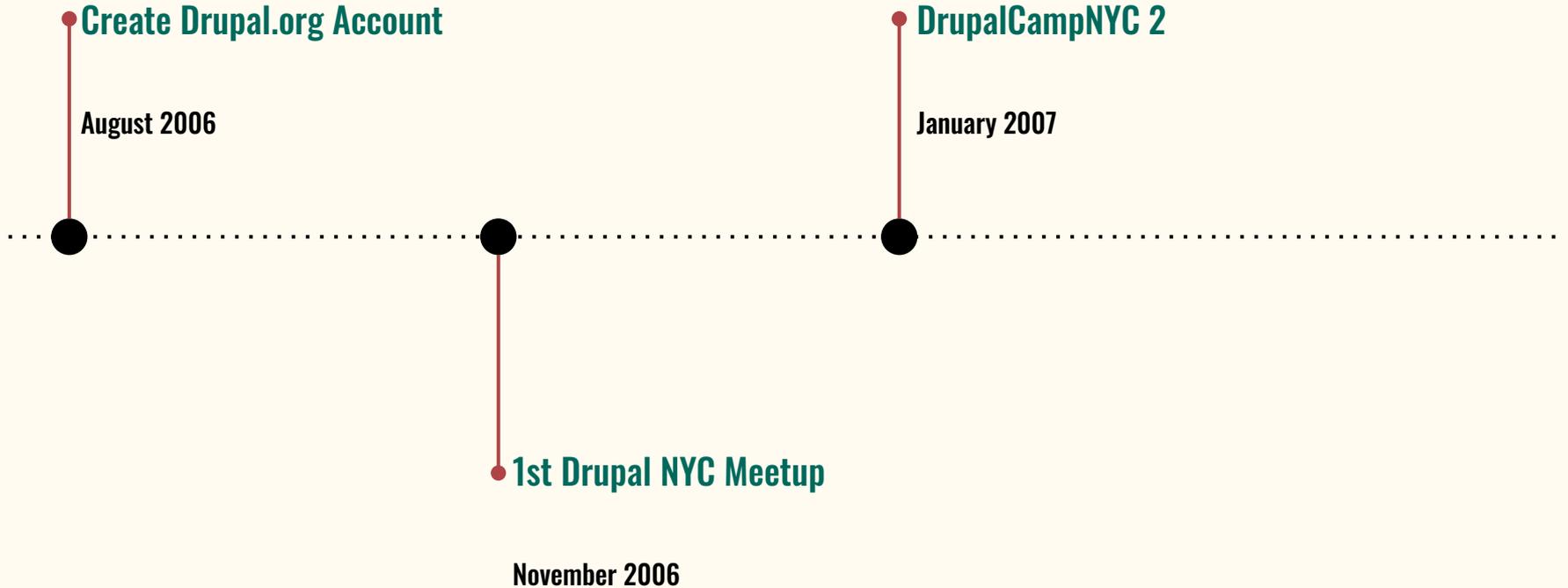
Handrolled websites I created in 2006

Summary - No Communities

Drupal - Begins

- **1st Drupal NYC Meetup**
 - **Influential community members**
 - **DrupalCampNYC 2 & 3**
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Robbie's Journey - Drupal



Robbie Holmes (robbiethgeek)

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DrupalCode profile

United States

LinkedIn
Facebook
Twitter

Current Role(s):
Owner / CEO



IRC: robbiethgeek

Professional Info

Companies Worked For
Pluribus Digital, United States

On Drupal.org for 16 years 8 months

Bio:

A geek of many feathers, really dig all web te
Linux...

✓ Can opt projects into [security advisory cov](#)

Events spoken at



BADCamp

Areas of Expertise:

Event Organizer
Community Organizer
Digital Janitor
Site Implementer
Site builder
Developer

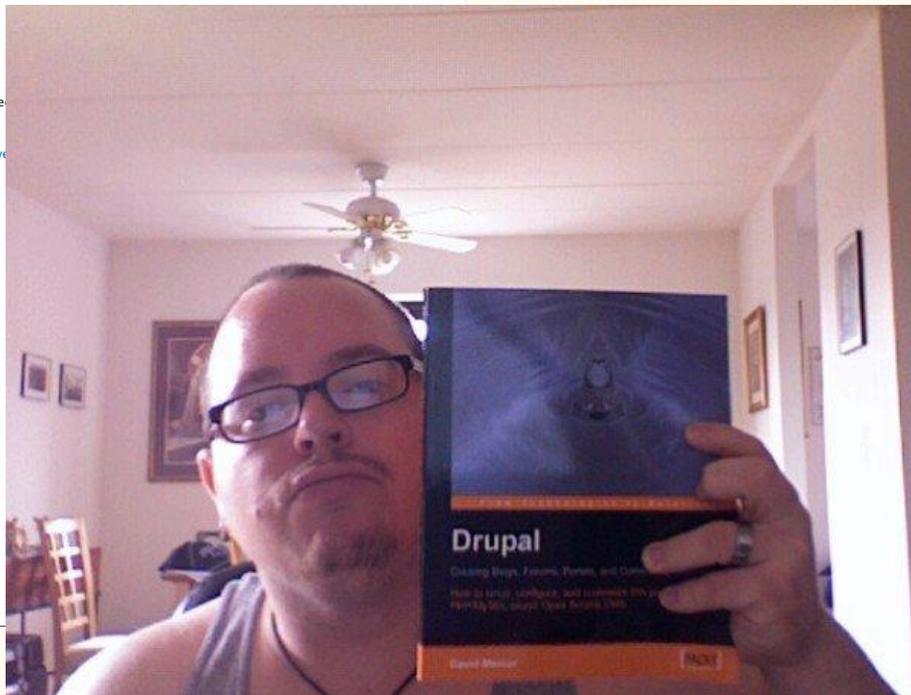
Drupal events:

DrupalCon DC 2009
DrupalCon San Francisco 2010
DrupalCon Chicago 2011
DrupalCon Portland 2013
DrupalCon Austin 2014
DrupalCon Nashville 2018

Credited on 3 fixed issues

- [Drupal GovCon](#), 1 issue
- [Florida DrupalCamp](#), 1 issue
- [Bay Area Drupal Camp](#), 1 issue

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2006 - Robbie ❤️ Drupal



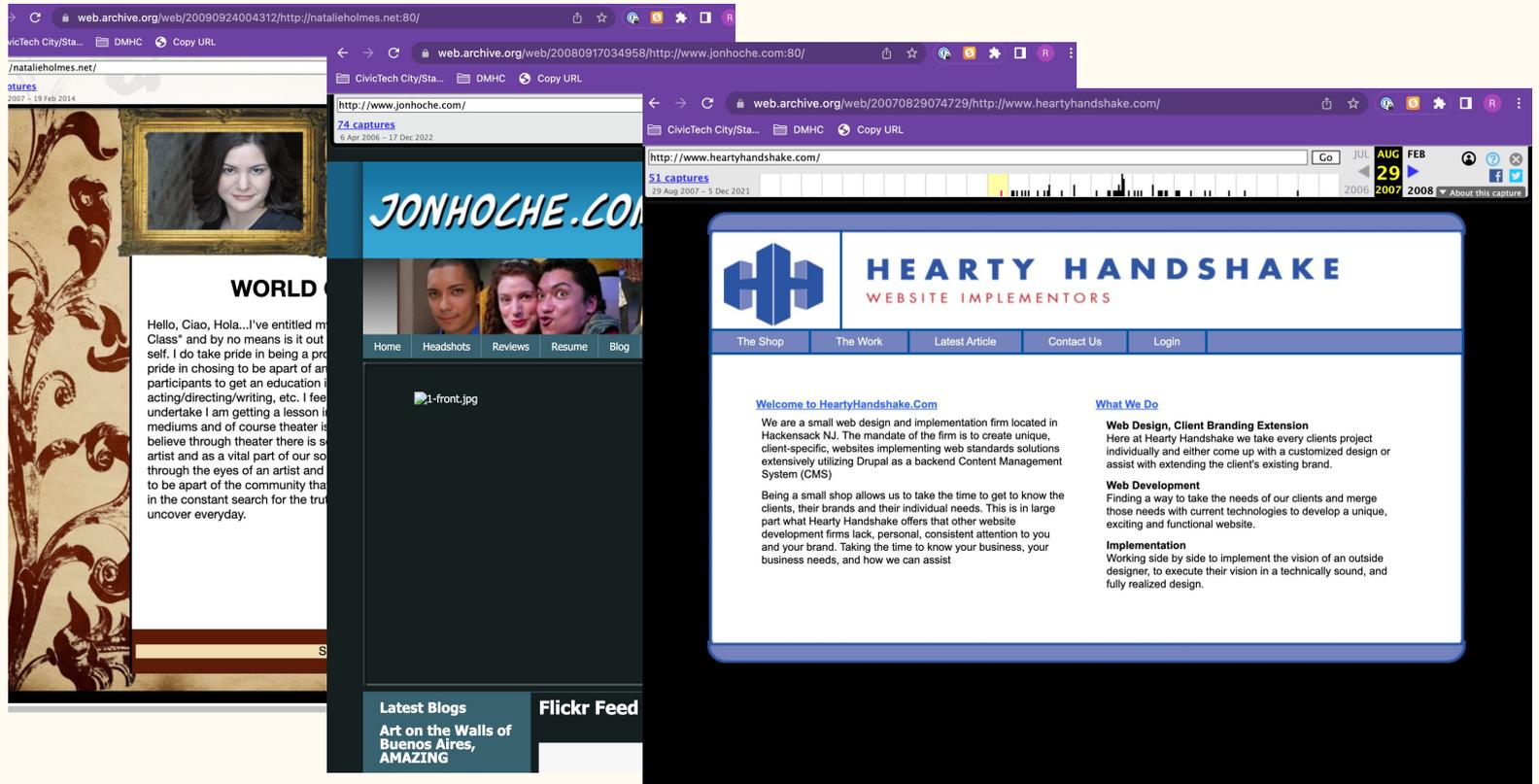
Intros at DrupalCampNYC 2 | Photo Credit: [Noel Hidalgo](#)



Intros at DrupalCampNYC 2 :) Photo Credit: [Noel Hidalgo](#)



Community Members that changed my life!
Photo Credit: (Left)



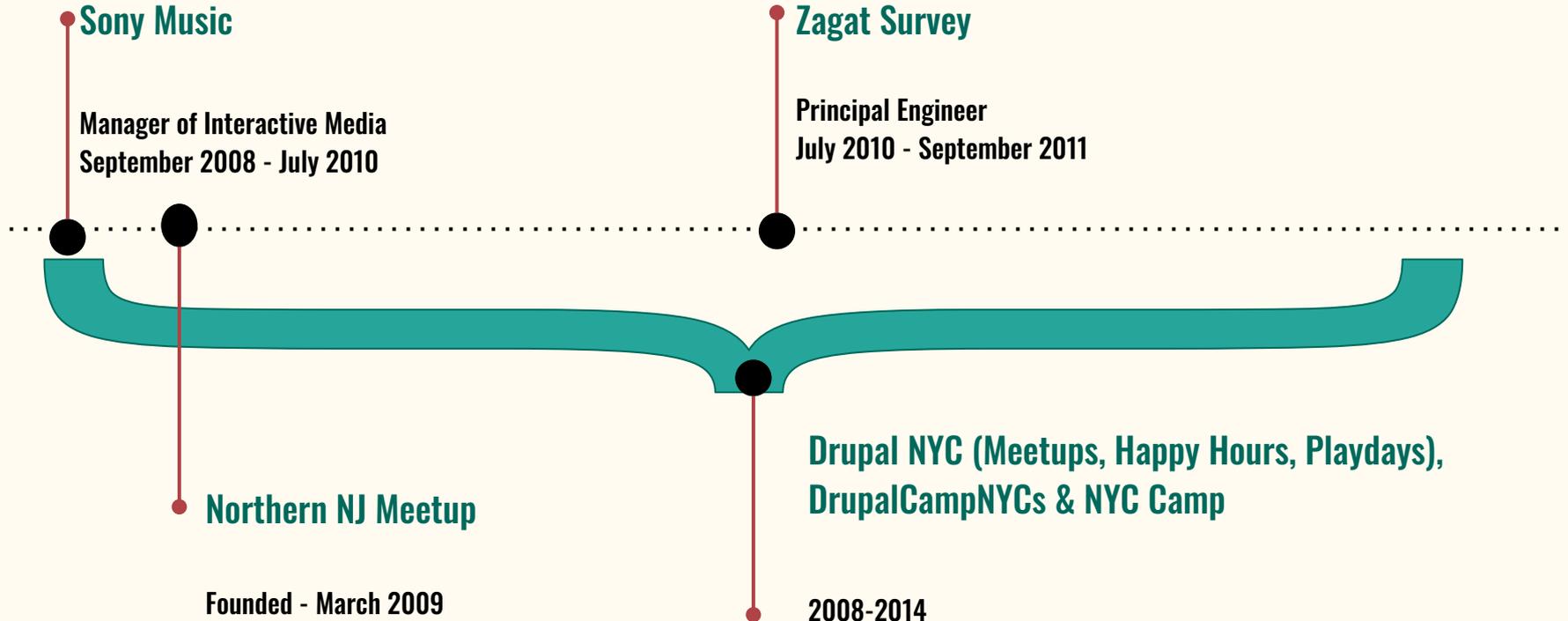
Drupal Sites in 2007 I created.

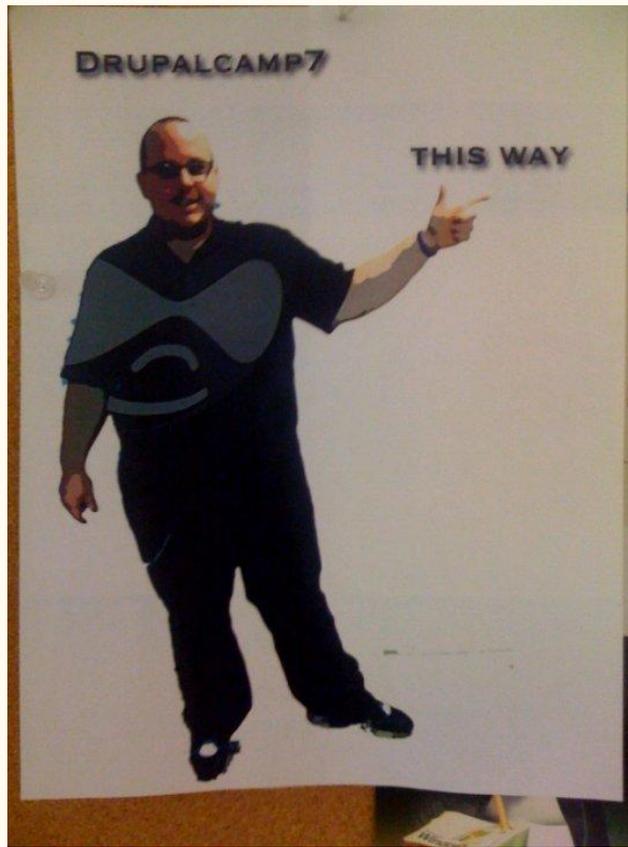
Summary - Drupal Begins...

Drupal - Continues

- **Attending monthly Drupal NYC Meetups**
 - **DrupalCampNYC 4-10**
 - **Sony Music / Zagat**
 - **NYC Camp**
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Robbie's Journey - Drupal Continues





I was the tour guide for DrupalCampNYC 7



On stage creating the scedule at DrupalCampNYC 9
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On Stage coordinating @ DrupalCampNYC 10
Left Photo Credit: [Phase2 Technology](#)



Robbie in the wild seeing Steven!
Photo Credit: [Steven Merril](#)



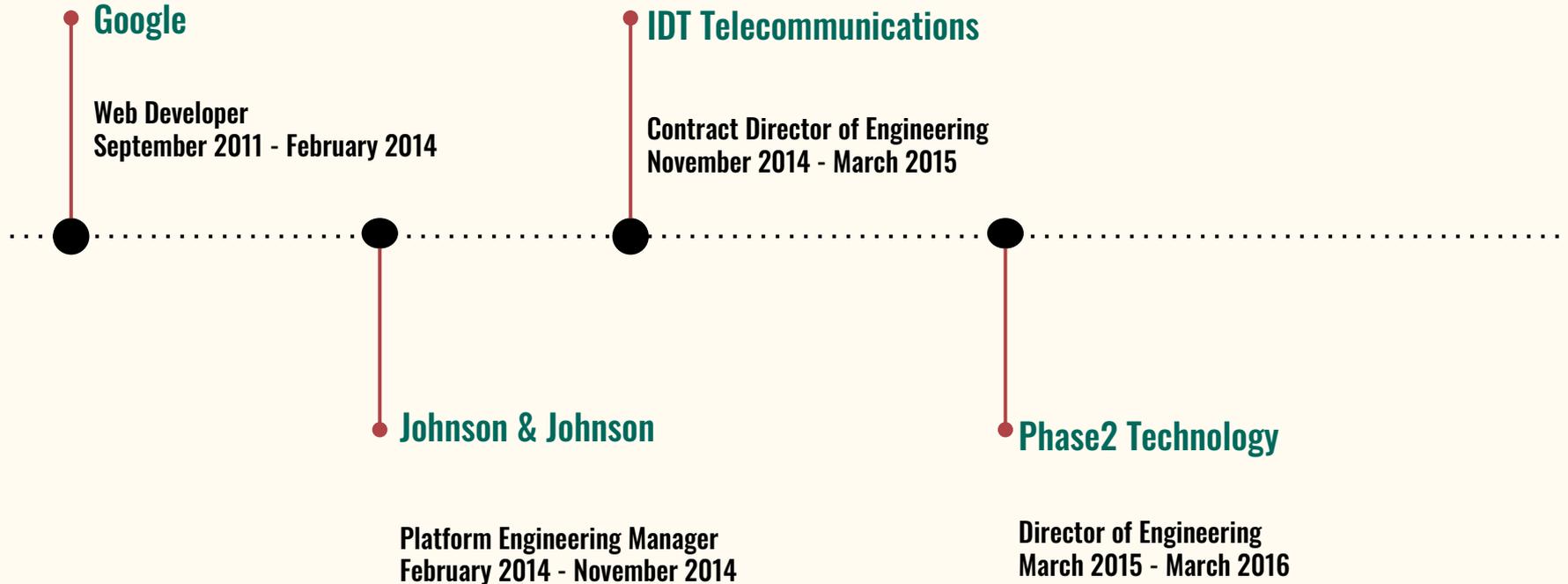
Robbie & Co. head to Princeton! DrupalCamp NJ 2011

Summary - Drupal Continues...

Drupal - Javascript

- Google
 - NYC Camp
 - Angular.js NYC
 - NodeSchool NYC
 - DrupalCampNJ
 - Johnson & Johnson
 - Phase2 Technology
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Robbie's Journey - Drupal / Javascript





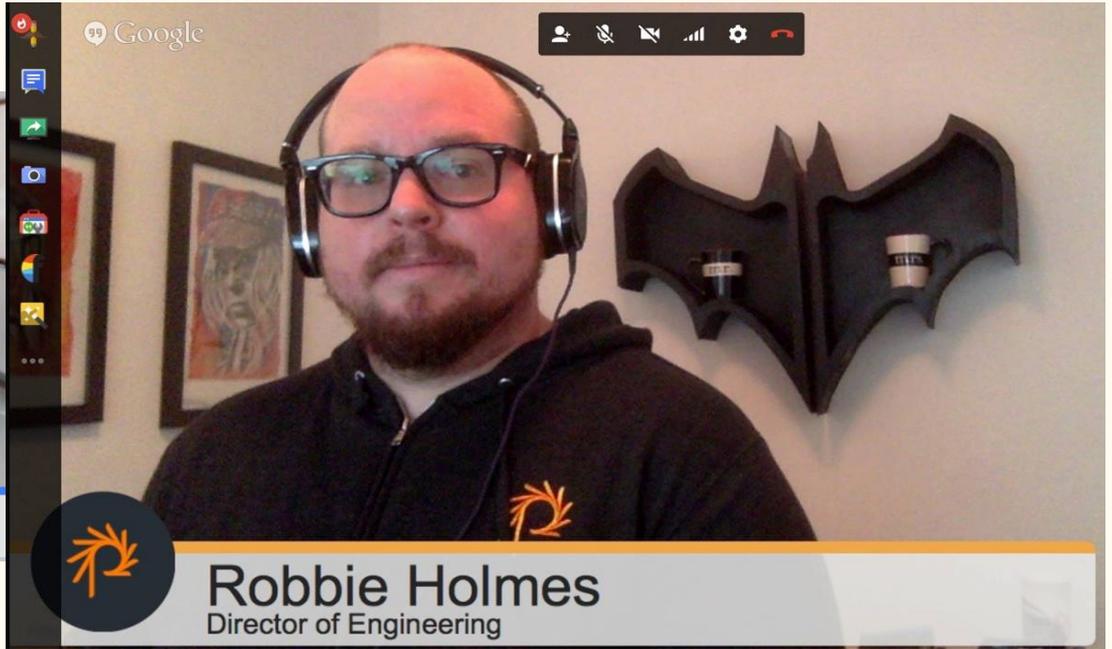
**Left: Sony / Zagat / Google Crew heads to Lake Tahoe
Right: Drupal NYC brunch (so many companies!)**



Robbie @ Conferences 2014-2015



From Zagat to Google - First Day & Last Day



Phase2 Technology fun!

Summary - Drupal & Javascript

Javascript / Ruby- Code & Coffee

- **DC Tech**
 - **NodeSchool DC**
 - **NOVA Node, Node.DC & DC.JS**
 - **Alexandria Code & Coffee**
 - **DC Code & Coffee**
 - **Emcee - NationJS**
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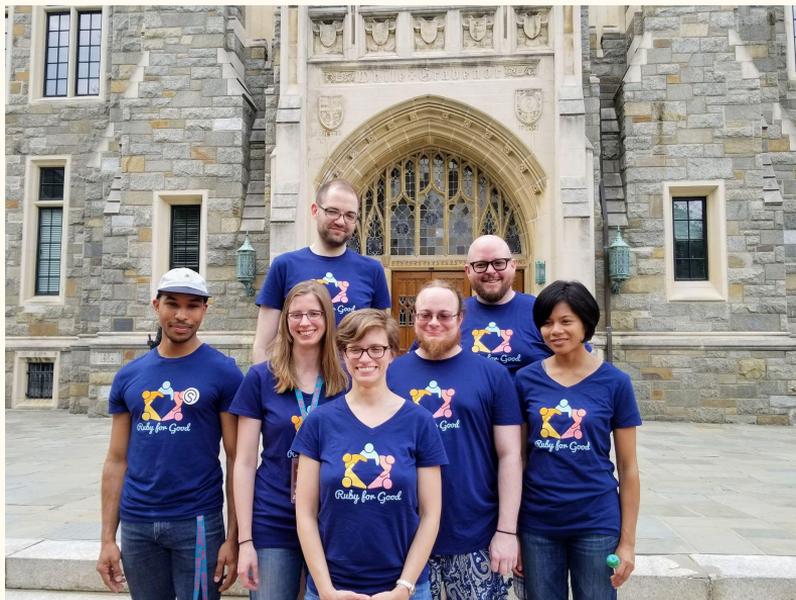
Alexandria & DC Code & Coffees



NodeSchool DC - On the road to Baltimore!



Robbie @ Nodebots Day - NodeSchoolDC



Ruby for Good 2018 @ George Washington University



DC Tech heads to NYC for Empire Conf



NationJS Emceeing
Photo Credits: Top Left, Top Right, Center

Summary - Javascript / Ruby / Code & Coffee

Code & Coffee - CivicTech

- **United States Digital Service**
 - **Pluribus Digital**
 - **Digital Services Coalition**
 - **Hutch Studio**
 - **Holmes Consulting Group Inc.**
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Robbie's Journey - Civic Tech

United States Digital Service

Digital Services Expert
March 2016 - March 2020

Holmes Consulting Group Inc.

Prince William County, Discovery Sprints - California,
Hutch Studio, Gray Digital
June 2021 - Present

Pluribus Digital

Vice President of Product Development
March 2020 - May 2021



Alexandria Code & Coffee throughout the Pandemic.



On stage Red Hat Gov 2019 | Photo Credit: [Pete Tseronis](#)



USDS @ DrupalCon Nashville!



Got a chance to work at many agencies (Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Justice, United States Department of Agriculture,...)



The VA USDS team bowls at the Truman Bowling Alley at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building



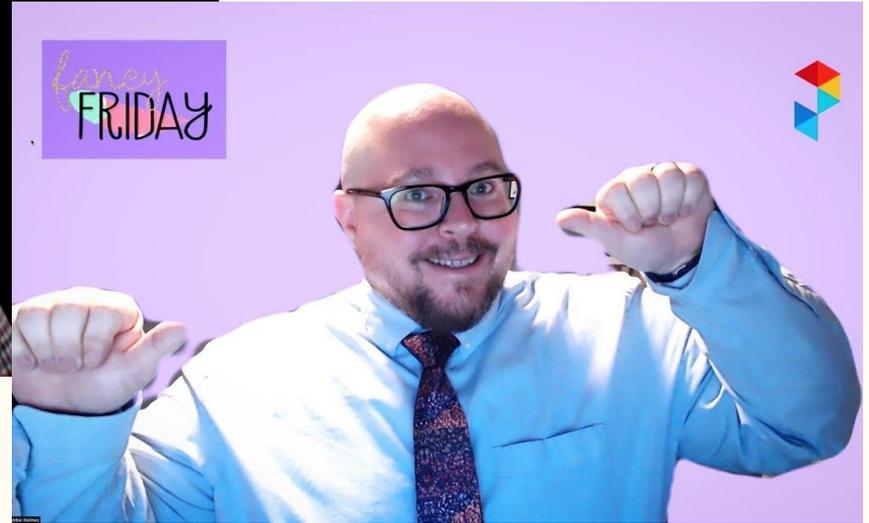
USDS @ Camp David



Robbie, my brother, mother and wife @ The White House



USDS meets President Obama
Photo Credit: The White House



Representing Pluribus Digital and a #FancyFriday

Who has 2 thumbs and likes to dress up? This Guy!



Robbie visiting the Hutch Studio space in Baltimore, MD



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Summary - Code & Coffee / CivicTech



Robbie likes a podium, at the White House Press Pool and the Department of Treasury



I met President Obama!
Photo Credit: The White House

Thanks!

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