

# Colin Charlton

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Date of Birth: 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1982

With a passion for web standards, semantics and best practices, I have been lovingly hand crafting websites since 1998. Using PHP as my technology of choice I have developed everything from simple sites to complex solutions, feed parsers / generators, CMS platforms and more; as well as extending existing solutions and advising on technologies to use. Although I am mainly a back-end developer I have strong front-end skills and have an interest in responsive / mobile design; usability, accessibility and user experience; and shiny things like jQuery and AJAX.

## Web Development Skills:

- HTML – HTML5, XHTML 1.0 Strict / Transitional, HTML 4.01 Strict / Transitional
- CSS – CSS3, SaSS
- JavaScript – JS, jQuery, AJAX, JSON, Google Maps
- PHP – OOP, feed/API processing
- Databases – MySQL, Design, Normalisation
- CMS – SilverStripe (development and use), WordPress (use), self created
- e-commerce
- Story Boarding / Wireframing
- Versioning - Git
- Responsive / adaptive / mobile design
- Web standards, semantics and best practices

## Further Areas of Interest:

Test Driven Design (TDD), Performance Testing, Progressive Enhancement / Graceful Degradation, on-page SEO, higher level project management, ASP.NET (C#), mobile app development (iOS and Android), Joomla; Drupal and other CMS platforms, social media API integrations, graphing, ZEND framework, Bootstrap.

## Employment History:

### 2013                      Freelance: [languatics.com](http://languatics.com)

I was commissioned to implement a CMS for the design of the languatics.com website. My choice of CMS for this was SilverStripe as this provided a strong base to expand on for rapid development whilst also providing a simple to understand and use interface for the clients future updates.

### 2007 – current      Senior Web Developer - West63rd Ltd

My tasks within West63rd are varied, from taking a simple design and turning it into a website (straight PHP sites and CMS driven) to developing complex systems for clients to manage orders, schedules, staff, certificates and invoices etc. and everything in-between. I am also the lead feed developer dealing with feeds and APIs from companies such as Expert Agent, Rightmove, LaPAMS, Vebra / Vebra Live, Jupix, ReapIt and Alcium. I am involved in meetings both with clients and internally to discuss technology stacks and determine what functionality is required for projects.

**2002 - 2007      Web Developer - UKPhoneShop.com Ltd**

My main roles were to maintain, update and enhance the existing website (code, design, usability and user experience) both to set plans and of my own initiative. I was also the affiliate manager; leading the affiliate program, expanding their toolset and supporting new and existing affiliates.

**Education / Training:**

**2001**

**Alpha Training**

City and Guilds 7261 in Computer Programming

**Training West Lancs**

Health and Safety at Work  
First Aid Appointed Person

**1998 – 2000**

**Skelmersdale College**

BTEC National Diploma in Computer Studies  
NCFE Intermediate in Telematics  
City and Guilds Visual Basic Programming Level I  
City and Guilds Visual Basic Programming Level II  
Basic Comp. in IT (part of work experience as user testing documentation)

**1993 – 1998**

**Cross Hall High School Ormskirk**

10 GCSE's

**Referees:**

**Jiri Jerabek**

*UX Consultant*

Connection: Freelance Associate

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**Tom Gilbert**

*MD of XtiDesign*

Connection: Advisor

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**Stewart Culshaw**

*Technical Manager at West63rd*

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