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*I am an intuitive and insightful web designer who has an amusing ability to create masterful, simple, web 2.0 web sites. Under the hood I'm a css ninja! Design mantra's in my mind are perfection, simplicity and functionality. I can bring world domination to your team.*



## Skills

### Design skills

Graphic design and illustration, information architecture, digital photography and print

### Coding skills

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, cross-platform compatibility and multiple browser functionality

### Networking skills

High Google positioning (SEO), social media networking with Facebook and Twitter, e-commerce development

### Most used software

[Image processing] with Photoshop and Adobe Creative Suite, [coding] with CSSEdit, Dreamweaver, TextEdit, BBEdit, and I'm a skillful 'CSS ninja' with both a) [cross-platform compatibility] for Mac and Windows OS's and b) [multiple browser functionality] for Safari, Firefox, Opera and Internet Explorer.

## Experience

### Lyrae Design

*Web Designer (freelance) - Grafton, WI - 2002-Present*

- Simplicity, yes .. CSS, hot .. Web 2.0, high five .. jQuery, woo .. Keeping it going
- Going ballistic with Google (SEO)
- Wow - a new laptop, a pimped-out car, an apartment and lots of cash from doing something I love, an early muse being Val Casey

### Photography and print

*Artist - Grafton, WI - 2003-Present*

- With a camera in my hand everything I see instantly turns into art .. mmm pixels
- Fashion modeling photography (have a [Model Mayhem portfolio](#))
- The cultivation of print media

### ***Salary and Rate***

**\$45,000/year or about \$23/hour**

### ***Education***

**University of Wisconsin - Madison**

*Madison, WI - 1998-2001*

**Majors:** Graphic Design and Physics

**Minor:** Asian culture

### ***What I'm Into***

Catching up with Michael Phelps (yup I'm a swimmer), Tibetan Buddhist dharma, internet subculture, the art of Andy Goldsworthy, humor, pondering the nature of  $\pi$ , 1 and 0 and such things, Eureka & Stargate, survival, holistic medicine, vanilla soy milk, being vegetarian, Indian cuisine, Imogen Heap, Shiny Toy Guns, A-Ha, Steve Roach, DJ Tiesto, Paul Van Dyk, dragonflies, endangered species, my connection to life in other galaxies .. and Americana inspired by my family

### ***References***

Really good ones (upon request)