

About the Author



Christopher Schmitt, an award-winning web designer and developer, has been on the Internet since 1992. In 1997, he graduated with a fine arts degree with emphasis on graphic design from Florida State University, where he was asked to design the first incarnation of the department's Web. While Christopher was an undergraduate, he interned for both David Siegel and Lynda Weinman, wrote for local newspapers about Web sites of interest, was an editor

for his local newspaper, and won the prestigious High Five award for Web site design.

After graduation, Christopher worked for such firms as Studio Verso in San Francisco, was President of Media Collective, and was Senior Design Technologist leading the production of award-winning Web site projects for a multimedia ad agency in Orlando.

Christopher has written for *New Architect*, *A List Apart*, *Digital Web*, and *High Five*, and he has contributed four chapters to *XML, HTML, XHTML Magic* (New Riders Publishing, 2002). In 2000, he led a team to victory in the Cool Site in a Day competition, where he and five others built a fully functional, well-designed Web site for a non-profit organization in eight hours.

Christopher also created the Web Design Pad, a mousepad sporting the first-ever look of Web-safe colors in a true color wheel arrangement that was widely sold throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Christopher shows his true colors and most recent activities on his personal Web site (Christopher.org). He is the list mom for Babble (Babblelist.com), a mailing list community devoted to advanced Web design and development topics.

Currently, Christopher resides in Orlando where he is Project Manager and Idea Generator for the new media publishing company, Heatvision.com, Inc. He also continues to write about Web culture and design.