

James Barrett

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Experience

Owner, Barrett Creative 2008–present

Self employed, boutique for web design and development centered around the WordPress platform. Responsible for sites from concept to launch; experience with small- to large-size companies and sites.

Web Designer, Globe Education Network 2006–2008

Designed and maintained websites for Globe Education Network's many schools, including Minnesota School of Business, Globe University, and Minnesota School of Cosmetology.

Adjunct Faculty, Globe University 2007

Wrote and taught curriculum for the Interactive Media and Graphic Design program; mentored graduates on portfolio creation and interview skills.

Web Designer, Wolfnet Technologies 2005–2006

Designed websites for realtors nationwide using Cold Fusion; maintained and improved UX on Wolfnet's flagship product, MapTracks.

Education

B.S. in Interactive Media 2006

The Art Institutes International, Minnesota

Diploma in Multimedia / Computer Graphics 1999

Minnesota School of Computer Imaging

Software / CMS Experience

- OmniGraffle
- Adobe Creative Suite
- WordPress
- Magento
- Drupal

Skills / Qualifications

- Experienced in front-end web design and information architecture
- Proficient in XHTML / CSS
- Excellent client communication skills
- Quick to pick up new methods or technology
- Extreme attention to detail

20 Random Nerd Facts About Me

1. Nerdiest thing ever said during a meeting (that went over everyone's head): While at Globe University, announced my presence in a Web Ex meeting by saying "Red Five, standing by"
2. The tables at my wedding were named after zones in World of Warcraft (we put everyone we didn't like in Westfall)
3. Nerdiest thing a girl ever said to me: While watching an action movie, the protagonist was being chased by black SUVs. The girl turns to me and says "He must have three stars." I married that one.
4. I am one of the 5 people who actually liked Ang Lee's *Hulk*
5. I spent 26 hours online playing *Everquest* trying to kill a heavily camped guard in High Hold Pass that spawned every 8 hours and dropped a piece of paper that completed the "Testament of Vanear." That's right, 26 hours for something that gave me +10 wisdom.
6. I once went as "Indiana Jones Skywalker Solo" for Halloween. I was eight. A fedora, a blaster, and Luke's *Return of the Jedi* costume complete with green lightsaber. I'm hoping Lucas puts that change in the next "improvement."
7. Two of my cats are named Jack and Marsten, after the protagonist's son in *Red Dead Redemption*. (We would have gone with John and Marsten, but Jack is way more fitting. Trust me.)
8. Number of times I reverted to 6 year old Jim during Louis Leterrier's *The Incredible Hulk*: 5
9. I can guarantee that if hired, I will never give you up, let you down, run around OR hurt you. Just sayin'.
10. Bumped into Wil Wheaton at PAX Prime 2010 while in line in the D&D room, and was actually starstruck.
11. Last piece of literature read for entertainment: *Planet Hulk: Anarchy* part 3 of 4. Notice a pattern?
12. I worked at Camp Snoopy. As Snoopy. That's all I want to say about that.
13. One of the best games of all time was *Grim Fandango*. That's not opinion, that's fact.
14. I secretly want to be Sam Spade. Or Phillip Marlowe. Or maybe I just want to narrate my life. Either way, fedoras are awesome.
15. Bow ties are cool, but long scarves are cooler.
16. My absolute favorite UI in the past decade was the Hitchhiker's Guide interface in the 2005 movie.
17. I actually have a survival plan if zombies overrun the world.
18. If you meet me, ask me about my greatest experience in *Star Wars: Galaxies*. Bring a lunch... it's a long one.
19. I did the voice work for Gordon Freeman for the entire *Half Life* series.
20. I've been mispronouncing "meme" for years.