



# Tessa Watkins

Web Designer & Developer in Pittsburgh, PA  
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I make stuff for the internet. I have a background in design, a passion for user experience and human-technology interaction, and skills in full-stack development and web animation. I have a strong sense of curiosity that allows me to constantly learn new techniques and explore technology.

## SKILLS & PLATFORMS

Responsive Web Design and Development  
User Experience (UX) and User Interface (UI)  
Human-Centered Design (HCI)  
Video Game / Mobile App Development  
WordPress CMS  
Umbraco CMS

## TECH LANGUAGES

HTML5, CSS3, XML, LESS, SASS  
JavaScript, jQuery, AJAX  
ASP.NET, MVC, C#  
Flash, ActionScript 3.0 and 2.0  
PHP  
Python

## EXPERIENCE

### Lead Interactive Developer, Flying Cork

May. 2016 – Present

Develop websites and applications for clients belonging to Flying Cork.

Tinker and explore with innovative technology, researching and developing new techniques.

Utilize my skills in HTML, CSS, SCSS, PHP, JavaScript, jQuery, Adobe Creative Suite, web design and development in an agile environment.

### Web Designer & Developer, Tessa Watkins LLC

Apr. 2012 – Present

I love doing what I do so much, that I even do it in my free time. I've been doing freelance web design and development since April 2012, and I founded *Tessa Watkins LLC* in February 2018 in the state of Pennsylvania.

### Visual Developer, BHiveLab | BWorks | BRUNNER

April. 2014 – May 2016

Developed websites and applications for clients belonging to BHiveLab, BWorks, and BRUNNER agency.

Utilized my skills in HTML, CSS, LESS, ASP.NET, MVC, C#, JavaScript, jQuery, Flash, AS3/AS2, Adobe Creative Suite, web design and development in an agile environment with several teams of varying sizes.

Supported and developed multiple projects for multiple clients and brands simultaneously with a sense of urgency.

### Software Engineer, Tobii DynaVox (Formerly DynaVox Mayer-Johnson)

June 2013 – Feb. 2014

Programmed in Action Script 3.0 and XML to implement features and functionality. Work on a smaller team with source controlled projects to collaborate teamwork in a Scrum environment. Also worked closely with the Quality Assurance team to test web and application products.

### Student Flash Programmer, Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Learning Inc.

Sept. 2012 – Mar. 2013

*This was a pro bono publico project that consisted of current AiP students and alumni.*

Programmed casual educational math games, called *Math Wonders*, using Action Script 3.0 in Adobe Flash.

## EDUCATION

### Human-Centered Design Certification

Jan. 2016

University of California, San Diego

### Bachelor of Science, Game Art and Design

July 2009 – Sept. 2012

Art Institute of Pittsburgh

## HONORS & AWARDS

**Gold Addy** at the American Advertising Awards 2016 for work on BrunnerWorks.com in the Self-Promotion category;

**Finalist & Second Place Winner** at the 2016 Mylan Hackathon in the Professionals division;

**"Outstanding Excellence and Dedication to Her Profession and the Achievement of Women"**, 2015, from the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW);

**Dean's List** at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh;

**Perfect Attendance** at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh;

**\$500 scholarship**, 2010, from Imagine America Promise;

**\$2,000 scholarship**, 2009, from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, and;

**\$1,000 scholarship**, 2009, from Imagine America.