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Objective

I have been fortunate to be exposed to a variety of experiences that have helped me grow in many creative and technical areas. I hope to help solve problems creatively for the benefit of employers, and ultimately their partners, customers, clients, and all humanity.

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Cum Laude, Louisiana Tech University

11/1995

Ruston, LA

US Army Basic and Advanced Training

US Army training - M1-A1 Tank Crewman

11/1989

Ft. Knox, KY

High School Diploma

Peabody Magnet High School
concentrated studies in art and computer science
(A.P. Pascal and Basic computer languages.)

5/1989

Alexandria, LA

Experience

Website Manager

Nicholls State University

1/2003 - Present

Thibodaux, LA

Nicholls State University is full time, four year university with an annual enrollment of over 7,000 students. In this environment I design and maintain the <http://www.nicholls.edu> and related web sites for the Office of Printing & Design Services and the Web Site Strategic Committee. The primary mission of these sites is student recruitment and retention.

- Design modern accessible web sites for effective communication with prospective students, current students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- Coordinate with staff, writers, designers, and other content creators.
- Guide student workers and interns on various projects.
- Design, develop, and maintain web based applications and utilities.
- Support individual, department, and organizational web publishing initiatives.
- Adminstrate user accounts and web sites for faculty, departments, and student organizations.
- Coordinate with other technology departments.
- Administer Linux based servers, and previously maintained servers based on Windows NT/2000.
- Create WWW documentation and policy based on administrative guidance.

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Webmaster Xspedius

7/2000 – 9/2002
Lake Charles, LA

Xspedius is a regional communications company in which I maintained <http://www.xspedius.com> and related sites and utilities. I worked in a complex Web environment with servers using IIS on Windows 2000, Apache on Solaris and Apache on RedHat Linux. The sites were developed by a couple of programming teams using Delphi, ASP, Perl, ColdFusion, and PHP programming environments with database systems using MSSQL and MySQL.

- Maintain consistent corporate identity for all Web sites and customer utilities.
- Design and develop customer utilities.
- Coordinate with Intranet and Internet programming teams to develop Web site interfaces.
- Maintain and upgrade Web servers based on Solaris, Linux, and Windows NT/2000.
- Assistance with issues related to Macintosh, Linux, and Solaris systems.

Assistant Professor School of Art Louisiana Tech University

8/1999 – 5/2000
Ruston, LA

In my one year appointment as assistant professor I was exposed to the challenge of passing on my skills in computer graphics, production, Internet design, and multimedia design. I also acted as system administrator for the School of Art.

- Administer MacOS X Server, AppleShare Server, and School of Art Macintosh client computers.
- Testing and installation of Netboot facilities.
- Upgrading, troubleshooting, and testing the School of Art network.
- Instruct classes in Computer Graphics using QuarkXpress and Photoshop.
- Instruct classes in Internet Design using Macromedia Dreamweaver and other software.
- Instruct classes in Multimedia Design using Macromedia Director and other software.
- Writing documentation and syllabi.

Graphic Designer, Webmaster, programmer analyst iAmerica (WorldCom, DIGEX, Intermedia Communications, LDS)

5/1996 – 8/1999
Monroe, LA

The challenge of bringing this early Internet Service Provider to the region was exciting. A good team highly focused on support, marketing, and sales allowed iAmerica to grow beyond expectations. My diverse skills were put to the test in a variety of projects for this fast paced company.

- Macintosh / Windows Technical Support and Macintosh / Windows Platform support.
- iAmerica Product Development, print, CD Rom, Web site, and software / server development.
- Web site Creative Direction, Project Management, and billing for iAmerica Web site clients.
- Server support and configuration for Windows NT based virtual Web servers.
- Back up support for Windows NT based virtual mail servers.

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Graphic Designer

Pearson Design

5/1995 – 4/1996
Monroe, LA

My first professional role was in a very active full service studio. We produced works ranging from logo and business marketing to radio, newspaper, and television advertising. Pearson Design also performed duties for various law firms for court presentations and accident recreation.

- Art direction, planning and execution of design projects for print, broadcast, and Internet delivery.
- 2d and 3d computer animation using FormZ, ElectricImage, and Director.
- Non-linear video editing and production using Avid Media Suite Pro.
- Accident recreation for court presentations using 2D visual aids, 3D and 2D animation, video, and sound.
- Coordinate with expert witnesses and engineers for accurate court presentations.

Freelance Creative Developer

Various Companies and Locations

various dates

I have helped many companies and individuals with creative and technical problems for many years. These solutions range from print and production design to highly interactive Websites and multimedia projects.

M1A1 Tank Crewman (E-4 Specialist)

US Army – B trp 5/12 cav

9/1989 – 11/1991
Ft. Knox, KY

As a member of the Armed forces, I operated and maintained M1-A1 tanks and acted as Commanders Driver and unit artist.

Accomplishments

Graduated Cum Laude Louisiana Tech, Member Tau Sigma Delta, Deans List Louisiana Tech, Second Place 1994 Student Art Exhibit, Army Achievement Medal.

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Skills

Creative Skills:

I am skilled in various forms of creative media including drawing, airbrushing, oil painting, prisma-color, photography, and computer imaging. Design skills include some of the classic graphic design tasks such as marker comping, typography, and paste-up / mechanical production.

Computer Skills:

A computer is a powerful tool, and I have been fortunate to learn many operating systems and applications as both a user and systems administrator. I have experience with Windows and Macintosh Client computers, and as a webmaster and systems administrator I have experience with Windows NT, Mac OS 7.5 – 10.4 (server and workstation), and Linux (both PC – RedHat, and Macintosh – MkLinux and LinuxPPC.) I have experience using several software packages, including Blender3d, FormZ, ElectricImage, LightWave, Director, Shockwave, Premier, Illustrator, StreamLine, Photoshop, QuarkXpress, InDesign, Dreamweaver, BBEdit, SSH, VI, Netscape, Internet Explorer, Firefox (Mozilla), Quicktime, and many other applications on various operating systems, and I can provide specific information with version numbers upon request.

Webmaster / System Administrator Skills:

I have compiled, installed and used Apache, PHP, PERL, MySQL, SSH, SSL, Postfix, Cyrus-IMAP, Darwin Streaming Server, and other software packages for Internet Design and publishing in server environments using Linux, Solaris, and MacOS X. I am also familiar with the use of IIS, MSSQL server, PERL, PHP, and other software packages in a WindowsNT / 2000 environment. I have maintained multiple user systems, and I have good user support skills.

Specialized Computer Skills:

I have multiple talents including Internet Design and Programming, 3D Design and Rendering, nonlinear video editing, Multimedia Design and Programming, CD/DVD/Video Mastering, and other duties using technology as a publishing medium.

Management Skills:

I am proficient managing simultaneous projects, maintaining good client communications, and keeping accurate billing records. I have worked well within creative teams and directed programmers, designers, interns, and other production staff. As a freelance creative contractor, I have developed systems that I use for invoicing, time tracking, and project management.

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More Information

References are available by request. Information on specific design, software, and technical skills may be available from my on-line portfolio at (<http://www.funroe.net>).