

# John Thompson

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## Position Requested

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*Graphic Designer / Creative / Brew maker*

## Professional Experience

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**ROK Entertainment, 07/2009 – Present**

### **Interface Designer**

*I am currently employed as a mobile phone interface designer for a suite of applications / widgets. Working with a developer we explore options for the product and finalize the functionality. With this information I work on creating interfaces that users with little technical proficiency can navigate with ease.*

*Key Achievements:*

- *Recognizing good interface architecture*

**Steam Industries, 01/2009 – 07/2009**

### **Graphic / Web Designer**

*This position demanded researching specified markets then generating T-Shirt graphic concepts based on the research. The designs were a varied mixture of illustrative and text based imagery. I was also encouraged to exercise a knowing sense of humour wherever appropriate. Once designs were finalised I had to work them up ready for printing. Each collection of t-shirts also required me to produce a design for an online shop that would promote and sell the collection.*

*Key Achievements:*

- *Successfully produced hundreds of concept designs across radically different themes.*
- *Worked chosen designs to fit into 1, 2, 3 or Full colour designs for print.*

**ROK Media, 07/2006 – 10/2008**

### **Multimedia Designer**

*The role required me to create web plus graphic work for mobile phone products and services. Although the websites were conceived as mostly basic pages, my previous experience of 3D/2D animation, game development and other media enabled me to approach the promotion of most products in creative and diverse ways. I often used a combination of media to educate a visitor to the products purpose and benefits.*

*I worked as part of a design team and unaccompanied depending on the project. Some jobs also required me to project manage myself and other members of the team. Primarily work was for in-house developed products but external clients included ITV, Everton FC and Spike Milligan (estate).*

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## Key Achievements:

- Working with large and international clients
- Learning new disciplines to complete projects
- Project managing / Creative directing

## Education

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### **BA Hons: Electronic Graphics: 2:1**

Staffordshire University, College Road, Stoke on Trent (2002-2005)

### **Foundation Studies in Art and Design: Merit**

Coventry University, Gosford Street, Coventry (2001 – 2002)

### **A Level: Art, Design Technology, IT**

President Kennedy School & Community College, Coventry (1999 – 2001)

## Communication

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University gave me great opportunities to develop my communication skills. As a student representative of Electronic Graphics I attended senior management meetings where I was able to present student views and requirements regarding the course. During my second year I was a student warden in the halls of residence. I was responsible for thirty-five students, helping to solve any issues or problems they encountered during their first year.

## Other Interests

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Outside of work I keep active creatively, physically and socially. If I'm not occupied in some way I'm probably asleep.

I was a member of the Staffordshire Ultimate Frisbee team (yes it's an actual sport) and play Squash and Badminton whenever possible. Other interests include designing interactive games and producing music.

## Technical Proficiency

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Platforms:	Mac & Windows
Applications:	Photoshop CS4, Illustrator CS4, In Design, Flash CS3, Dreamweaver CS3, Maya 7, Final Cut Pro, Premier, Audition, Office Suite