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Position Requested

Graphic Designer / Creative / Brew maker

Professional Experience

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

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

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

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

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