



Experience

Professional (3+years)

I have worked as a freelance designer since graduating with a BA (Hons) Graphic Design in July 2005. I have had the freedom to work with a wide variety of clients on a good range of different tasks from basic artworking, designing promotional materials, to web design, and to designing and implementing a complete rebrand using print, web and screen-based solutions. I have dealt with clients successfully from a remote perspective as well as face to face. I also fully understand the fine line between pushing an idea you believe to be the right solution and knowing when to give ground and embrace the ideas of others, whether colleagues or clients.

Academic (1+year)

I have spent the period of Oct 07-Oct 08 involved in Post-graduate level research and production related to Digital Media. From this process I have gained solid research and writing skills, project management experience, and a significantly deeper understanding of digital media in the widest possible context, whether relating to Games, Film, Television, the Internet, or Graphic Design. I have also sat on various social work-groups related to the arts in the local area, as well as sitting in on Faculty committee meetings as a Post-grad representative.

Personal (2+years)

2+ years experience managing/organising various online communities as well as intermediate grade Level Design for First-person shooter games. As a result of this I have good people management skills, 3D modelling and animation skills, and basic web journalism experience in a virtual world context.

Recent Employment History

Freelance Web Designer
Treasury Group

Freelance Web Designer
Web Expert

Freelance Designer
Steamshift Ltd

Design Officer
R.P.C Yacht Club

Freelance Designer
Flip Photography

Freelance Designer
Samera LTD, London

Freelance Designer
The Neem Tree, London

Junior Graphic Designer
E-Media Group PLC

Education & Key Skills

MA Digital Art & Technology
University of Plymouth '08 **Pass**

BA (Hons) Graphic Design
Arts Institute at Bournemouth '05 **2.1**

FDA Interactive Media
Arts Institute at Bournemouth '04 **Pass**

ND Lens Based Media
Plymouth College of Art & Design '02 **Distinction**

BTECH ND C.A.D
Plymouth College of Further Education '01 **Distinction**

Core Skills & Services

Middle-Weight Graphic Design for Print, Web & Screen, Project Management, Branding, Artworking, Retouching, Concept Design, Digital Media Consultation, Writing, Intermediate Level Design for Games, 3D Modelling & Animation

Software Competencies

Photoshop, Indesign, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Flash, MS Office Suite, 3D Studio Max, Poser, UnrealED, Radiant, MaxMSP, SketchUp, After Effects, Notepad, XP, Vista, OSX

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