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Profile	I am an enthusiastic young man with an eye for design and the perseverance to tackle anything with which I am confronted. More importantly I am able to adapt to all kinds of work and work environments. I work well with others, or on my own steam and am eager to begin and see tasks through to completion.		
Personal Information	Nationality: British		
	D.O.B: 15/05/1982		
	Place of Birth: Northern Ireland, Londonderry		
Education	2001 - 2005	University of Ulster	Newtownabbey
	BSc Hons Interactive Multimedia Design Dip. IS		
	Despite having A-level qualifications that were neither in the Art/Design nor Computing fields, I discovered an untapped facet of my abilities in this degree course. I graduated on the 1 st July 2005. This course carries grounding in programming, networks, databases, design, professional issues and creating systems and solutions using the latest design software.		
	2000 - 2001	Cambridge House Boys' Grammar	Ballymena
	3 A-Levels		
	I did English, Biology and History at A-level, scoring A, C and B respectively. Having only just arrived from South Africa and the Namibian desert I rose to the challenge of this new school system, relishing the opportunity.		
	1995 - 1999	Westville Boys' High School	Westville
	6 Subjects at Matriculation Level		
	These qualifications are South Africa's equivalent of the A-level. I took English (A), Biology (B), History (B), Mathematics (D), Afrikaans (A) and Science (C).		
Professional experience	February 2008 – Present	Coleraine	University of Ulster
	New Media/IT Systems Development Officer		
	The remit of my current post includes the total redesign and rebuilding of the Faculty of Arts web presence, in including building and deployment of a new Content Management System, increased accessibility and creating scripts to determine the redundancy of old		

content as well as any and all faculty web projects and new media initiatives ongoing in the faculty.

May 2006 – February 2008
Coleraine

Centre for Media Research

Web/ New Media Designer

My work here included the redesign of the Centre for Media Research around an existing brand. The site includes its own Content Management System (PHP/MySQL) and RSS/podcasting facilities as well as a unique design. With the CMR I have been involved with delegations to media conferences to document and photograph events for the site in South Africa (5th World Summit of Media for Children), Amsterdam (MyCreativity) and Massachusetts (MIT). This post has also included design print work (media policy documents) and work for DVD and animation.

September 2007- February 2008
Newtownabbey

University of Ulster

Web Designer (Faculty Freelance)

I am currently working on a part-time basis for the University of Ulster in a freelance capacity as web systems development officer, advising on the redesign and updating the Faculty of Arts' current web site/system. As part of the Art's Web Team I advise on issues to do with the web such as accessibility, student retention through the web as well as doing site design, graphic design and web programming in PHP. Project management of the Faculty-wide redesign is also an important facet of this job which I have found that I enjoy.

February 2007- Present
Newtownabbey

University of Ulster

Graduate Demonstrator

I have also been asked to return to the University of Ulster in Jordanstown to assist with the teaching of the IMD (Interactive Multimedia Design) course (part-time) in lieu of an injured colleague.

27 September 2006- Present
Coleraine

University of Ulster

Guest Lecturer

I am contracted (part-time) to formally teach Media Arts students at the University of Ulster in Coleraine based on my performance in my post as web designer. Although I have no formal teaching qualifications, my experience as a graduate demonstrator, combined with my in-depth knowledge of the subject has meant that I have had some success in this area, teaching both second and final year classes. I have taught web design classes using Dreamweaver, Photoshop and Flash 8 and I am currently teaching a course on animation and narrative using Flash 8. I also assist in courses arranged for credits that are open to the public from within the university.

15 May 2006- Present
Coleraine

University of Ulster

Web Designer

I am currently the web designer for the Centre for Media Research ([CMR](#)) where my responsibilities have been the complete redesign and implementation of their new web system, maintenance of their databases and design of any materials (sites, flash animations, images, digital video) that need to be showcased on the site. I work closely with the Media Studies Research Institute (an affiliate) and an appointed team that meet regularly (sometimes via video-conference) to handle the matters pertaining to the site's usability and design; however I am solely in charge of implementing these solutions and have built the web system and CMS (content management system) from the ground up. I

have found this experience to be both a challenging and enjoyable mix of design and coding which has allowed me to display my skills as well as learn new ones.

November 2005- April 2006
Newtownabbey

University of Ulster

Graduate Demonstrator

I have worked for the University of Ulster, following my graduation, assisting in the teaching of the Interactive Multimedia Design, Honours Degree course. This kept my design knowledge sharp and provided me with an opportunity to share my expertise with a future generation of designers, strengthening the degree as a whole.

September 2005-
Ballymena

Coalduststar designs

Freelance Web Designer

I am also working on developing my own freelance design business. Previously I have designed the Edinburgh University's Law Society web site and have just recently finished a design for a local motorcycle respraying company, "[Stephen Marris' Bike Art](#)" as well as e-CAB's online taxi web system (<http://www.ecabsni.com>). This has taught me good customer skills as well as helping me to keep in practice using HTML, Flash, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, PHP, ASP, MySQL and other relevant design packages. A portfolio can be found at <http://www.coalduststar.com>

2003 - 2004 Higher Education Academy Newtownabbey

Web Designer

As a requirement of my degree course (Diploma in Industrial Studies), I took a placement job as web designer in the Higher Education Academy, a company that operates within the University to further interest in higher education and E-learning. This allowed me to put my skills into practice, creating innovative designs for challenging briefs, advertising conferences in various subjects via the web. I was also in charge of redesigning and maintaining "ITALICS", the company's E-journal, as well as creating poster media for conferences. Before my tenure was complete I had started work on a Government funded (DfES) project for raising awareness about Entrepreneurship as a career option following tertiary education. These projects required heavy use of Adobe Photoshop, PHP (to access and add to our user database), Dreamweaver and Freehand. The Higher Education Academy put an emphasis on "e-learning" and this entailed the use of WebCT to upload course materials and research for certain sites. This job meant that I had to work with at least five other people in the office to create the web solutions and prepare academic conferences for overseas visitors.

Summer 2000- 4 November 2005
Galgorm/Ballymena

Galgorm Manor Hotel

Part-time Barman/Night porter

I have worked in this capacity throughout my degree since I left Cambridge House Boys' Grammar. I am well respected by both staff and customers. This job required good people skills and common sense. As barman, it was my responsibility to run "Gillies" (local pub) on the weekends and look after the tills. As night porter, I was required to look after the hotel and its guests until the receptionists arrived at 8am as well as prepare the breakfasts.

Programs and Languages

These are the technologies I am most familiar with and able to use best:

Adobe Creative Suite 3 (Photoshop Illustrator, Dreamweaver and Flash)
Adobe Audition CS3
Macromedia Studio MX 2004, Studio 8 (Flash, Fireworks, Freehand, Director, Dreamweaver)

Adobe Photoshop 7.0 and CS, CS2
Adobe Premier 6.5/ 7.0/ Pro
Adobe Illustrator CS, CS2
Adobe Indesign CS2, CS3
Sonic Foundry Sound Forge 8.0
Sony Acid Pro
3D Studio Max 8
Microsoft Office 2003/2007
Microsoft Project 2007

JavaScript, Action Script, VB Script, Lingo
ASP, PHP, HTML, XML, DHTML, RSS, XML

Languages

I am fluent in Afrikaans, a Dutch-based language native to South Africa, English and I can speak some conversational Zulu.

References

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Interests and activities

Music is a huge passion of mine and I am a member of a band called [Jackalfeud](#). We have released three recordings to date and are entirely self contained. As such have ground level experience of product development and marketing, event management and promotion. I love listening to music, playing guitar and especially enjoy performing with the band in front of people, as this is the ultimate single expression of communication and synchronicity.

I enjoy travelling and have been on safari through Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe as well as visiting Mauritius, Spain, America and the Netherlands. It is interesting to experience these different cultures and see how they compare to your own, or where you are living. This helps create an understanding and appreciation of these places and your own home.

I enjoy working out regularly at the gym and of course designing creative multimedia for

recreational purposes.