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Motivation:

I have been using computers in the graphics field for over two decades. I have acquired a breadth of knowledge in all areas of design and computers. I endeavor to continue my career in a relevant position where my employer will be able to take advantage of my past experience and I will be able to take advantage of the chance to learn new and interesting things.

My greatest strength is this breadth of knowledge and curiosity. It serves as a great strength in technical fields where nobody knows everything, but somebody needs to figure it out quick.

"..... it was 4:45 on a Monday afternoon and I received a call from a client who needed 250 site maps first thing in the morning. I knew Derek was my only option to make it happen but I was also aware that he needed to be somewhere by 6 pm. I call him at the office and he very willingly agrees to postpone his plans and make it happen. we had a happy client all due to Derek's dedication to servicing the client!"

*Chuck Gordon,
Sales Representative for
Graphics Ink Ltd.*

"Derek used his extensive knowledge of computers and print equipment to satisfy every client's print requirements, no matter how specific. The high level of quality control that he maintained made us a preferred vendor. It was always a pleasure working with Derek. He would remember each client's requirements and meet or exceed their expectations."

*Trese Haydon,
Sales Representative for
Graphics Ink Ltd.*

Skill Sets:

Internet & the Web

HTML hand scripting, Javascript & CSS
Linux, Apache Server & Drupal
Flash, Shockwave & Dreamweaver

Graphic Design & Print

Digital & Offset Printing Pre-Press
Variable Data Technologies
Typesetting, Layout & Design
Illustration & Animation
InDesign, Quark Xpress, Illustrator & Photoshop

Systems

Hardware Repair, Networking & A/V
Mac OSX, Windows & Linux

Other Media

3d Modeling – Softimage, 3d Studio Max & Blender 3d
Video Editing – Premiere, After Effects, etc.

Open Source

I am a fan of open source alternatives for media creation. My home computers now run Linux, and Blender 3d has become my favorite 3d application. I have the experience needed to find the best open or proprietary solution for the money.

Education:

In 1996 I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Art at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Career History:

International Minute Press – June 2010 to present

Back to the same shop as before but with different management. I played a center role in obtaining and keeping many large clients including a really large one that could have kept us afloat by itself. My responsibilities expanded to customer service, quoting and store management. Basically everything short of writing my own pay checks.

Chapel Hill Printing & Graphics – October 2009 to June 2010

This position was similar to the previous one, but closer to home and was arrived at in the pursuit of greater job security.

International Minute Press – April 2009 to September 2009

After my previous employer was victimized by the economy I had found another position at a small printer in Raleigh. I was responsible for all graphics work for two locations. This involved pre-press for digital and offset printing, as well as an equal amount of design work.

Graphics Ink Ltd. – March 2003 to February 2009

Here I was both responsible for the Digital Printing Division and the 2nd shift Pre-Press Department. I thrived on the independence, the high level of responsibility and racing the clock to meet deadlines. I was frequently called to do some design and 3d illustration work for proofs of package design.

Temp Work & Freelancing – October 2000 to February 2003

This involved an assortment of freelance illustration and design work, as well as the occasional temp agency work to fill in the gaps.

ECG Tutor Project – August 1999 to September 2000

This freelance project became my one of my sole projects for about a year. It was a multimedia educational CD-ROM project created with an esteemed UNC heart specialist for educating students as well as medical professionals on the history and use of electrocardiograms. Using Macromedia Director and other applications I was responsible for an assortment of illustration work, animation, 3d animation, coding, debugging and audio editing.

Temp Work & Freelancing – 1996 to July 1999

Coming out of college my employment consisted of an assortment of freelance and temp agency work. Some positions of note include temp graphic design work for The Independent Weekly and R. H. Donnelly doing display ads.

Personality & Other Interests:

I have a relaxed attitude towards life balanced by a very strong sense of responsibility. I prefer to spend the same amount of time automating a repetitive task rather than just doing it. This has greatly increased the efficiency of employers even after I have moved on. My favorite hobbies are competitive open water swimming and camping.