

Contact Information

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Profile

I have had an active interest in computer technology since 1980, and have made this my career choice for over 10 years. I am an enthusiastic promoter of the Linux operating system, and am keen to help businesses with their IT infrastructure. I am creative and open to learning in order to succeed.

Skills

- Problem solving and self-discipline.
- Multi-tasking under tight deadlines.
- Liaising with and advising clients throughout the production process.

Technical Knowledge

I am qualified in the first level of the Linux Professional Institute, and am studying for the Level II examination. I am accomplished in both Linux & Windows platforms using design and development software by Adobe, Macromedia and other Open Source solutions. Whilst highly proficient in the packages listed below, I am also motivated towards developing my knowledge and skill in new software and technologies.

Languages: BASH, PERL, SQL, JavaScript, XHTML, CSS.

Applications: GIMP, OpenOffice, various server software: Sendmail, POP3, IMAP, MySQL, SSH, Apache, Samba, BIND, FTP, VPN, DHCP, LDAP.

Platforms: Linux servers, Linux / Windows workstations.

Career Summary

Self Employed, Linux Systems Administrator & Internet Developer, April 2003 – present.

- Installing a number of Linux-based computer servers for businesses running mission-critical applications. These include a major pharmaceutical company with over 250 staff, a popular manufacturer of children's toys and a 100 year old millers.
- Working as a freelance designer and programmer creating web sites for local and national clients. These include a laboratory in Charing Cross Hospital, which analyses blood samples and shows results online to doctors around the country.

Smart Decision Dot Net Limited, Project Manager, June 2001 – March 2003.

- Working with a team to produce quality websites for local and national clients, involving the day-to-day liaison and technical support.
- My role within the company has grown over the last year from internet production and sales to the project management of many new clients.
- I have produced some interesting and varied web-based programming solutions from Tarot Card dealing, Membership logins, to Postcode searches, Links directories, Medical sample tracking and live spreadsheet downloads.
- I have provided consultation and training to clients and associate companies around the south-east region of the country for internet-based projects.
- Advanced skills to make a design work with Actinic Catalog, one of the most popular e-commerce software applications in the world.

Self Employed, Internet Design and IT Tuition, September 1998 - May 2001.

- Working as a freelance designer and programmer creating web sites for local and national clients.
- Teaching a varied number of software applications to mostly local clients as well as those based in London.

Airtight Design, Director, April 1997 - August 1998.

- Web site design and creation for many Kent-based clients, including Shepherd Neame in Faversham and Barretts Digital in Canterbury.

Education

Qualification: Linux Professional Institute - Level I
Year: 2006

Qualification: Degree, Bachelor of Arts with honours
Subjects: Fine Art, Philosophy
Attending: Surrey University, Guildford
Year: 1989

Qualification: A Levels
Subjects: Fine Art, Philosophy
Attending: Sir Roger Manwoods Grammar School, Sandwich
Year: 1986

Qualification: O Levels and GCSEs
Subjects: 10 including English, Mathematics, French, Chemistry
Attending: Sir Roger Manwoods Grammar School, Sandwich
Year: 1984

Interests

Family (our 2 young children!), movies, snooker, gardening, walking, Linux

References

Available on Request.