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Profile

From planning out project timelines and budgets, interacting with clients, hand-coding websites, or editing HD video footage, I've enjoyed experience in nearly all facets of the creative process.

I grew up obsessed with the internet and began making my own web pages while still in elementary school. I have also been a musician and filmmaker for many years, amassing skills in both the audio and digital video realms. These combined experiences have allowed me to enjoy a fruitful freelance career in just over two years out of school. However I believe the *true* key to my success has been my people skills - I love interacting with all walks of life, and have excellent customer service and communication skills.

Experience

Freelance Media Development, MRB & Associates; Lancaster, PA - 2006-Current

Working closely with local 'associates' in the media buying and advertising fields, I began a new freelance career covering a variety of mediums. Using my video and interactive experience from Columbia College, I worked on a variety of projects including web development, video production and sound design for viral marketing games.

Webmaster, Chicago Music Exchange; Chicago, IL - 2004-2006

Performed several duties including but not limited to: Photographing and maintaining online inventory of approximately 1500 vintage guitars, website maintenance, email newsletters, banner ad design, magazine ad design, sales and of course, rocking out with customers.

Freelance Web Developer; Elizabethtown, PA - 2001-2003

My internship gave me enough real-world insight to successfully complete several freelance projects on my own before heading off to college. This sharpened my customer service skills and my ability to meet strict client deadlines.

High School Internship, Schell Web Design; Mount Joy, PA - 2000

Creating old-school HTML web pages when frames were finally going out of style. Duties included designing and hand-coding static web sites for local small businesses.

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Odyssey of the Mind Experience

“OM” is a creative problem solving competition involving all 50 states and 32 countries. After regional and state competitions, teams from around the globe gather to compete in challenges that encourage thinking “way outside the box” in both long term and improvisational situations. Think of it as the Olympics for creative people.

OM World Champion, Walt Disney World; Orlando, FL - 1999

OM 3rd Place World Finals & DaVinci Award, University of Iowa; Iowa City, IA - 2001

OM 9th Place World Finals, University of Maryland; Baltimore, MD - 2002

OM World Champion, University of Tennessee; Knoxville, TN - 2003

After nine successful years in competition, I received my highest honor by being invited back to serve on the judging panel for the 2006 World Finals.

Education

Columbia College, Chicago, IL - Interactive Media, 2003-2006

Skills

Proficient in the following

- Project Preparation - Site Maps, Timelines, Budgets
- Web Development and Programming
- Concept Design and Front End Implementation
- Developing and Customizing CMS (Content Management Systems)
- Email Newsletters
- Online Banner Ads
- Video Editing / Post Production
- Sound Editing / Effects

Proficient in the following programming languages / scripting:

- HTML/XML
- CSS
- PHP
- MySQL
- Javascript (Scriptalicious, Prototype)
- Actionscript 2.0

Proficient in the following applications:

Web Development

- Adobe Photoshop CS3
- Adobe Illustrator CS3
- Adobe Flash CS3

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Video Editing and Effects

- Final Cut Pro
- Adobe Premier
- Extensive experience integrating *all* Adobe products into the video production process.

Sound Design / Music Production

- Sound Forge
- Sony Acid / Vegas
- Adobe Soundbooth CS3

Other Interests

Golf (I can keep it in the 80's)

Tennis (no sweater vests, though)

Guitar, Bass, Piano (just not all at once)

Motorcycle Touring (rode to Chicago from PA last year on back roads)

Referrals

Gene Pelland - VP, Clair Brothers Systems, Lititz, PA - (717) 625-4500

Fran Borgenicht - CFO, Demos Bizar Broadway Productions - NY, NY - (908) 581-9527

Miles Benjamin - Web Development, Schafer Condon Carter - Chicago, IL - (773) 332-7131

Portfolio

Please view my digital portfolio at michaelbridgman.com