

Personal Details

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Personal Statement

I am currently a student at the University of Plymouth, studying MediaLab Arts. It is a multimedia course, covering many areas of the industry. It sets its self apart from other such courses by placing as much importance on the use of theory as on current programs and technology. As a result, I not only feel that I have a better understanding of the history and business side of the industry, but also can quickly teach myself and learn how to use new software. The outcome of this is that I can apply ever-developing concepts and methods to my work.

I chose this course because I felt that it would effectively combine my abilities and interests in the subjects of Art and Computing. I particularly enjoy programming and love the challenge of solving a problem by implementing methods and code that I have not had to use before.

Skill Set

I am a highly confident computer user and am familiar with both Windows and Apple interfaces. I can use a large variety of software packages. I am most experienced with, and most often use:

- Macromedia Director and Flash
- Adobe PhotoShop
- Microsoft Office

I particularly enjoy programming and am quick to pick up new languages. I am currently confident with several programming languages:

- Lingo
- ActionScript
- HTML (some JavaScript)
- Visual Basic

I have used many other packages in past projects and while I do not use them on a very regular basis I still feel very confident that I could pick them up again. These include:

- Adobe Premiere and After Effects
- Macromedia Dreamweaver
- 3D Studio Max

Along with these packages I am also very quick to learn any new software and am confident in teaching myself. I also have a high level of Internet experience and have good web-design capabilities.

Work Experience

1999: 1 Week at ABA Graphic Design

- Gained an insight into the design industry
- Followed the progression of a web-site and a proposition for an advertising campaign

1999: 1 Week at Deltascheme computing company

- Worked on a macro system that allowed members of the office to send program information to a central database

1999 – 2001: Teaching Assistant for secondary school Information Technology

- Required to explain computer methods and ideas to people with limited computer experience
- Substituted while the teacher was away

1995 to present: Activity leader at a local Children's Week during the summer holidays

- Organised many different activities and ran them throughout the weeks
- Often responsible for organising other members of the team

Education

Higher Education

2001 to Present: University of Plymouth - MediaLab Arts BSc (Hons)

MultiMedia Workshop1	67%	MultiMedia Workshop2	63%
Digital Design & Application	65%	Media Theory & Production	60%
Media Business Systems	63%	Computer Systems	55%
Introduction to Visual Basic	97%	Visualising Information	78%

A-Level Results

1999 - 2001: Sir William Borlase Grammar School

Art	A
Maths	D
Computing	B

GCSE Results

1997 - 1999: Sir William Borlase Grammar School

Art	A*	I.T.	A*
English Lit.	A	English Lang.	B
Maths	A	German	A
Graphics	B	History	A
Science (Double)	A A		

Interests

My key reason for wanting to be a part of the new media industry is that it allows me to combine two of my primary interests: Art and Programming. I gain a great sense of satisfaction from the completion of a project in either of these subjects be it for work or pleasure. I find programming specifically more enjoyable and interesting when combined with a visual element and for this reason I have chosen to pursue a multimedia career as opposed to one in straight programming.

References

Available on request.