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Summary / Objectives

I have been successfully self-employed as a freelance consultant since 1994 providing a variety of technical and web-based services for clients throughout the Cleveland area. Skills include Java, Visual Basic, Delphi, HTML, SQL, and VBScript as well as in-depth web design, commercial illustration, pre-press, publishing, drafting and graphic design experience. (See the gallery section of my web site for a preview of my portfolio) Can work well both independently and in team-oriented environments through the entire life cycle of my projects from concept to completion. I also have more than 10 years of technical troubleshooting, and user support experience.

Computer Skills

Application Development

Several years of experience using a variety of development tools, programming languages, and scripting techniques, applied to client/server and intranet development, web site authoring, as well as Windows and UNIX applications development.

Programming & Scripting Languages Include

Java - 3 Years	Delphi - 4 Years	HTML - 10+ Year
VBA - 3 Years	Access - 2 Years	JavaScript - 3 Years
Visual Basic - 5 Years	DHTML - 3 Years	
C - 10+ Years	BASIC (other/various) 10+ Years	
Assembler - 10+ Years	Unix Shell Scripting - 2 Years	
Pascal - 10+ Years	Batch - 10+ Years	

Platforms

PC-Based: DOS - 10+ Years, Windows (All) - 10+ Years, UNIX & Linux - 5 Years
Macintosh: MacOS - 10+ Years
UNIX: Solaris, Linux (SUSE, Redhat & Fedora), BSD Unix, X-Windows - 5 Years each

Computer Graphics

Highly proficient in commercial graphic design, web content design & illustration, GUI design, typesetting and desktop publishing, original camera-ready illustration, photographic image processing, digital image manipulation computer aided drafting / design (CAD), and three dimensional architectural rendering and product visualization. See the gallery section of my web site for examples from my portfolio. <http://max.weissman.com/gallery.htm>

Graphics Tools Include

Photoshop - 10+ Years	Dreamweaver - 3 Years	HTML - 10+ Years
Flash - 1 Year	QuarkXPress - 3 Years	3D Studio Max - 6 Years
AutoCAD - 6 Years	Lightwave 3D - 4 Years	PageMaker - 4 Years
Bryce 3D - 5 Years	Corel Draw - 6 Years	Raydream - 4 Years
Premiere - 3 Years	Freehand - 7 Years	Illustrator - 7 Years
G.I.M.P. - 5 Years	Blender3D - 5 Years	OpenOffice Draw - 5 Years

Platforms

PC-Based: DOS - 10+ Years, Windows (All) - 10+ Years, UNIX & Linux - 5 Years
Macintosh: MacOS - 10+ Years

Work Experience

The following section highlights contracts that I have worked since I started working as a freelance consultant in 1994 in reverse chronological order. This is not a complete list of all of the contracts I have worked as that list would be very lengthy and would require considerably more detail than this document may allow, therefore I have limited this summary to an assortment of the contracts that I feel best represent my diverse experiences as a freelance computer consultant.

Freelance Consulting

3/2000 - Present

Assisted clients, on site at their homes and offices, in troubleshooting their computer systems and providing hardware and software upgrades on Windows Vista, Windows XP, Windows 95/98, Millennium, Windows NT/2000, Windows 3.1, Macintosh, DOS and Unix systems.

Clients Included:

>> Doug Wist - Engineer - Aided Mr. Wist in resolving technical issues regarding an operating system upgrade. Provided on-site assistance and troubleshooting to insure a secure installation.

>> Mary Root - Independent Distributor - Provided extensive troubleshooting and repair services to fix problems with Ms. Root's computer equipment through advice and multiple sessions of on-site consultation including upgrades and repairs to her system's hardware and software.

Web Designer

1/2000 - 3/2000

Worked on redesigning the web site for NCD, a medical imaging equipment manufacturer and tandem computer distributor at Dennison Advertising in Independence, Ohio using Macintosh and Windows NT computer systems, Photoshop, Netscape Composer, HTML, and JavaScript. Responsibilities included the complete redesign of NCD's existing web site to create a new look and feel using JavaScript and DHTML to provide enhanced features and greater interactivity as well as designing original web content using Adobe Photoshop, Image Ready, and Go-Live products based upon information obtained directly from planning sessions with personnel at NCD.

Technical Support

6/1999 - 1/2000

Worked on-site for local business providing technical support services to maintain consistent operation of business-critical computer systems and networked office equipment on Macintosh, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows 3.11, and Linux systems.

Clients Included:

>> Dr. Jim Norris - Surgeon / Small Business Owner - Provided Dr. Norris with expert troubleshooting and assistance when computers that he used to run his business suffered a system-wide crash and consistently failed to boot. His computers were back online less than an hour after I arrived and I was able to upgrade his operating system following day.

>> Jannine Jacobs - Graphic Designer / Small Business Owner - Assisted Ms. Jacobs in setting up new equipment in her home office and troubleshooting device conflicts when necessary. Provided Ms. Jacobs with accurate and information regarding hardware compatibility issues so that she would be able to make informed decisions when investing in additional equipment for her business.

Information Systems Developer

3/1999 - 6/1999

Worked at Software Answers, an Akron-based software development firm to design and implement information systems and software-based solutions designed to aid local businesses in maintaining "paperless" office environments using Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Microsoft Access, SQL, and Novell Netware.

Hardware & Software Troubleshooter

3/1998 - 3/1999

Worked on site at various Cleveland area businesses providing technical support and maintenance for business-critical computer hardware and software systems and office equipment.

Clients Included:

>> Ray Harko - Owner of Harko Packaging / Small Business Owner - Demonstrated proven techniques for trading merchandise online using online auction web sites such as E-Bay while providing technical support and assistance in helping him to find web hosting for his business.

>> Jim Nagy - Police Officer - Lyndhurst Police Dept. - Provided Officer Nagy with backup and recovery services for his home computer system when it suffered from large amounts of lost data due to cross-linked files and a highly fragmented filesystem. In addition I provided him with assistance in connecting to the Internet.

Intranet Developer

11/1997 - 2/1998

Provided intranet development services as a consultant for Digital Navigation, an advertising agency specializing in new media, web and intranet development. Responsibilities included creating interfaces using Photoshop, HTML, DHTML, and JavaScript, on Macintosh and Windows 95 systems running Netscape Communicator and Internet Explorer to design interactive content and user interfaces for corporate intranets.

Customer Service / Computer Technician

7/1997 - 11/1997

Provided customer service and support at Complete Copy and Print Center. Responsibilities included assisting customers in using color laser copiers and other copy equipment, processing customer requests, troubleshooting and repairing problems involving hardware and software used for desktop publishing and accounting. Used Windows 3.11, Windows 95, PageMaker, Photoshop, Cannon Color Copiers, Xerox Document Systems, Firery Digital Imaging Systems, and other general office equipment.

Information Systems Consultant

8/1996 - 12/1996

Worked as a member of an information systems team developing Client/Server applications at Tower City. Responsibilities included design and creation of information retrieval systems using Borland Delphi, Visual Basic, SQL Server, Crystal Reports, MS Access, Oracle, Sybase, Paradox and ODBC protocol. (Incidentally, the application that we were developing was the early stages of what was later used as the basis for creating the online mapping and driving directions tools such as MapQuest(tm) and YAHOO! Maps(tm))

Digital Audio Technician

10/1994 - 12/1994

Assisted in the development of a foreign language exhibit at the Great Lakes Museum of Science. Responsibilities included recording digital samples of various phrases from ten foreign languages and using Cool-Edit and Sound Forge digital audio editing software to crop and filter noise from various sound-bites before mastering to digital media.

Education

Independent Study

10+ Years

I allocate a minimum of 4 hours per day for work-related study in which I practice new techniques, read documentation, and improve existing academic and computer-related skills in commercial graphics, computer animation, web design, software development, computer networking, electronics, and information science. In addition to my regular computer-related studies I have recently passed the SCJP (Sun Certified Java Programmer) exam which tests for professional level Java programming skills.

Cleveland Institute of Art

2 Semesters

Received training in commercial graphic design using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Freehand, PageMaker, and QuarkXPress.

Mayfield Technical Institute

4 Semesters

Received comprehensive training in two and three dimensional drafting, architectural drafting, mechanical drawing, electrical and schematic drafting, two and three dimensional layout and design, three dimensional rendering, architectural and product visualization. AutoCAD and 3D Studio software were used on machines running DOS, Windows 3.11 and Windows 95.

Cleveland Institute of Art

2 Semesters

Studied computer aided design, digital image manipulation, photographic image processing, cell animation, and key-framed animation using Amiga Graphics Workstations and real-time video capture equipment.

Cleveland Heights High School

4 Years

Began attending Cleveland Heights High school early after skipping the 8th grade due to superior academic achievement. Proceeded to complete all required course work within 3 years and graduated as Student of the Year with 130% of the credits necessary for graduation.

Volunteer Activities

Assistant Counselor

During High School

Worked as an assistant counselor for two summers at University School Computer Camp teaching elementary and middle school students how to write their own computer software using the BASIC and PASCAL programming languages on IBM, Macintosh, and Apple II computer systems.

Student Teacher

Senior Project During High School

Provided mentoring and student teaching services to middle school students to aid them in learning algebra, geometry, history, and sociology, and to assist in developing more efficient study habits.

References

Mary Root
Independent Distributor, Small Business Owner
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Doug Wist
Engineer
(216) 932-8367

Jannine Jacobs
Graphic Designer, Small Business Owner
(440) 899-9860

Susan Prendergast
Client, Student
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Mike de la Cruz
Network Engineer, Verio
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