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Education

- **Master of Science in Design** at *Georg-Simon-Ohm University of Applied Sciences*, Nuremberg, Germany
GPA: 4.00 with concentration in Media Design (Film & Animation, Photography and Interactive Media Design)
Oct. 2002 - March 2007 (German degree: *Diplom Designer*, 9 Semesters, Diplomarbeitenote: 1,0 Diplomnote 1,4)
- **Study Abroad** with ERASMUS program at *Universidad de Salamanca*, Salamanca Spain (Bellas Artes / Fine Arts Faculty) Feb. – July 2005

Experience

- **yougel.com**
yougel is a creative network where anyone can easily create appealing websites by simply dragging and dropping elements. I implemented this rich internet application in flex and php together with *Andi Triendl*. The System is in an early, but already functional, stage of development. We interviewed and evaluated social networking site users to plan and design this innovative product and developed the first version entirely within a few months.
- **Media Design Studies**
During my studies at *Georg-Simon-Ohm University* I participated in major parts in a variety of high quality projects. Among these are producing the music video *The Retrosic - The Storm* using a live actor, composed with camera tracking into 3D animated backgrounds. Furthermore, the RIA *PhotoDesk* is a fully working prototype that lets internet users join into a live conference to manipulate and discuss photos together on a combined workspace.
- **Freelance Designer**
Since 1997 I have developed over 40 individual Websites. The majority of them are highly customized database driven pages for medium sized companies. Most times I created the entire site which included conception, design and development. Moreover I designed logos, ads and CIs.

Occupations

- **Internship Digital Film Special Effects**, *ARRI Digital Film*, Munich, Aug 2004 – Feb. 2005
For *Arnold & Richter Cine Technik*, an internationally operating movie company, I worked as a shake compositor on feature films. Also I did a character design for a 3D animated figure and created a matte painting for the OSCAR nominated movie *Sophie Scholl*.
- **Training Instructor Web Design**, *bytes & brain*, Gerolzhofen and *Adult Training Center* Schweinfurt, 2000
- **Web/Graphics Designer**, *Fast Connect GmbH / AG*, Sennfeld, July 1998 – March 2001
At *Fast Connect*, a local internet service provider, I was responsible for the company's CI. Also I designed and developed entire database driven websites for our clients and instructed web design trainings. I joined the company when it had less than 10 employees and grew with it until it had over 60 employees, and was incorporated.

Honors and Awards

- Animago Award 2005 – 1st Place Education Compositing Trailer for *Ohmrolle 2004 Trailer*
- Animago Award 2005 – 3rd Place Education Compositing Intro for *Stummer Schatten*
- Eyes & Ears of Europe Junior Showcase 2005 – *The Storm - Camera Tracking & Special Effects*
- Microsoft ImagineCup 2004 – Worldwide Finals in Brazil, 3rd Place Shortfilm for *The Retrosic – The Storm*
- Animago Award 2004 – 1st Place Education Animation Music Video for *The Retrosic - The Storm*
- Animago Award 2004 – 2nd Place Education Compositing Music Video for *The Retrosic - The Storm*
- Focus Magazin Special Award 1998 – for *virtual just4fun city* (fully functional internet community system)

Activities

- Usability tests and evaluation with eye-tracking system at *Georg-Simon-Ohm University*, 2007
- Active on diverse stock photography micro-stock websites, since 2005
- Student Speaker, Faculty of Design at *Georg-Simon-Ohm University of Applied Sciences*, 2003 – 2005
- Created and administrated newsletter and festival websites for the Faculty of Design, *Georg-Simon-Ohm University of Applied Sciences* 2002-2007
- Zivildienst, ASB German Samaritan Federation (alternative civilian national service), Sept. 2001 – June 2002
- Developed multiple widely spread freeware computer games, 1996-1997

Skills

- Computer (professional/advanced):
 - Photoshop, Shake, After Effects, Premiere, InDesign, Illustrator, Painter, Office
 - PHP, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Flex, Flash, ActionScript, SQL, Dreamweaver
- Computer (intermediate): 3DSMAX, XSI, SPSS, Java, EncoreDVD, Freehand
- Artistic: Photography, Drawing, Painting (digital and traditional)
- Languages: German, English, Beginner Spanish