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summary Ten years experience in design including; industrial, interior, graphic and web.

skills *Professional Work Experience*

- Strong communication skills with experience in working with clients, senior management, designers, developers, printers, manufacturers, suppliers and contractors.
- Responsible for 25-35 clients at any given time at Muskoka Cabinet Co.
- Trained new employees and designers.

Design

- Currently Project Lead and Designer for John Donkin Architect creating a Portfolio Web Application and Custom CMS (Content Management System).
- Designed first phase of UI for EA's 'Pogo Puppies' while working at Fuel Industries.
- As a designer at Muskoka Cabinet Co., established client needs, created concepts, revisions, final CAD drawings and ordering from the manufacturer.
- Participated in a number of industrial design projects at 'Design First' for a variety of markets including: high-tech, medical, home and exhibit.
- Experienced in preparing and delivering presentations by means of computer generated models, graphic presentations and physical prototypes.
- Have created company graphics, user interfaces, advertisements, illustrations, reports and photographs for a number of projects, see client list below.

Programming and Development

- Familiar with building designs in Flash, ready for developers to implement.
- Currently planning custom CMS to be built using XHTML, CSS, PHP and MySQL.
- Launched personal portfolio using XHTML, CSS and Javascript enhanced navigation.

Project Management

- At Muskoka Cabinet Co. was individually responsible for projects to completion.
- Capable of planning and coordinating multiple projects simultaneously, meeting deadlines and resolving unexpected situations.
- Experienced in writing formal proposals and negotiating contracts.

work experience *Freelance Web Design:* Achia Design, Ottawa ON, 2009.

User Interface Design: Fuel Industries, Ottawa ON, May - Aug 2009.

Interaction / Graphic Design: Pangea Partnership, Ottawa ON, Feb - Apr 2009.

Kitchen / Bath Designer: Muskoka Cabinet Co., Ottawa ON, 2004 - 2008

Junior Industrial Designer: Design First, Ottawa ON, 2002.

Graphic Design / Illustration: Expographic, Hull QC, 2003.

education *Interactive Multimedia Graduate Certificate:* Algonquin College, Ottawa ON, 2009.

Bachelor of Industrial Design: Carleton University, Ottawa ON, 2003.

achievements

- Graduated with an award in memory of Wim Gillis, founder of the school of Industrial Design at Carleton, for demonstrating the elements of good 'form-giving'.
- Awarded by Black&Decker for a 3rd year major studio project.
- Placed second in the class for a 'Bata Boot Design' done in 2nd year studio.

technical proficiency Platforms: PC and Mac

Software: Adobe (CS3) Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash, After Effects. Sketchup, autoCAD, SolidWorks, Pro-Engineer, CabinetWare.

Languages: XHTML, XML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Javascript, Actionscrip 3.0