

Julian Kigwana | Curriculum Vitae

WEB DESIGNER / WEB DEVELOPER

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INTRODUCTION

I am a creative web designer and web developer specialised in building interactive websites. I like to discover, explore and I am in my element both when I'm creating something stunning and when I'm overcoming my latest challenge. I aim to create websites which engage and captivate the imagination and curiosity for more. Please take a look at my online portfolio, www.kigwana.com for examples of my work.

My hobbies include learning new skills, playing my congas, and getting lost on foot, on bike, or occasionally in the car, in the countryside at weekends.

SKILLS / ABILITIES

I have a very keen eye for detail and can work with individual clients or graphics and engineering teams alike to design and develop websites which fit a client's needs. I am very good at problem solving and troubleshooting and my experience in a senior support role has given me the confidence and ability to know I am able to achieve almost anything I put my mind to. I enjoy the challenge and I am continuously learning new skills and fine tuning my existing ones.

Website Design & Development

Working with clients or teams to take a project from initial concept all the way to completion. Managing client expectations. Requirements capture and analysis.

Flash / Actionscript

Flash CS4, CS3 & Flash 8. Actionscript 3.0 & 2.0. Timeline & Actionscript based flash animation. Manipulating & encoding Flash Video. Client / server communication. Working with external content such as .xml, .css, .html, .text, .mp3, .mp4, .flv, etc. JavaScript integration. OOP Design. Version Control (SVN). Opensource Actionscript Libraries such as Tweeners Class and Google Analytics.

Graphic Design

I have a very keen eye for detail and use both Adobe Photoshop and the Flash IDE for manipulating and creating images and effects.

Javascript

I have extensive experience with using Javascript libraries such as the SWFObject, SWFAddress, JQuery-Address, Google Analytics. More recently I have started to look at JQuery, straight hand-coded Javascript and more advanced swf embedding techniques.

XHTML / CSS

I use a mixture of Notepad++ and Firefox, Firebug / Web Developer to hand-code W3C compliant XHTML and CSS. I follow web standards and always try to create universally accessible websites with the use of Progressive Enhancement.

Search Engine Optimisation and Statistics, Troubleshooting & Problem solving

EXPERIENCE

Interactive Developer Connect IB

January 2010 – Present

As an Interactive Developer working for Connect IB it is my task to design and build interactive websites and applications using flash, actionscript, javascript, jquery, xhtml, html5, and css.

Web Designer / Developer Popmorphic

March 2007 – July 2008 Contracting
July 2008 – December 2009 Employee

Working alongside a small team of high calibre C++ developers, I have designed and developed many websites for Popmorphic including www.popmorphic.com – a full flash website to showcase the company's cutting-edge technology which enables viewers to edit flash video on the fly.

I have helped the developers cross-train to Actionscript and I in turn have learnt to apply Object Orientated design patterns and principals to my Actionscript.

Freelancing and studying Web design and development

July 2006 – July 2008

Over the years my passion for art & design never diminished and while I worked in my Support positions, my spare time would be spent creating websites and studying web design. Eventually I was left the world of IT Support behind to follow my passions fulltime. In this time I worked for several high profile clients including:

Popmorphic – where my success with designing and developing popmorphic.com led me on to a permanent position with Popmorphic.

Aardman - updating and maintaining their flash websites, including www.aardman.com, the original 'Wallace and Gromit' flash website and a 'Shaun the Sheep' flash game.

I have also designed and developed many smaller projects such as; www.codenametuesday.com, www.xavierhourlier.com and www.tallandshort.co.uk.

For further examples please see my online portfolio at www.kiqwana.com.

Account Engineer / Senior Diagnostics Engineer Fujitsu Services, Siemens Business Services, HP/Compaq

June 2001 – July 2006

As the LloydsTSB Account Engineer for Siemens and later Fujitsu and former Senior Diagnostics Engineer for HP/Compaq, I was tasked with improving communications between my company and our customer, LloydsTSB.

I was given an unprecedented level of freedom as to how I went about achieving my overall task and so, in turn, my self-appointed responsibilities evolved as I resolved each problem and went on to the next. These included; writing and amending the Help desk's 1st and 2nd Line HTML/CSS based troubleshooting scripts; trend analysis; researching and writing Technical Service Advisories for the engineers; building a Primus Database of known solutions; 1st, 2nd and 3rd line support; resolving escalations from 2nd Line, 3rd Line and Service Delivery; arranging support for unsupported hardware/software.

In short, my approach was to simply throw myself into the centre of any problematic areas until workable solutions were found. I achieved a very high level of success in this position.

Studying Full time

January 2000 - March 2001

Having successfully paid off my student loans with unskilled Call Centre work, I decided I needed to make myself more attractive to the jobs market. I spent just over a year studying full time both at home and at various IT training colleges until I achieved my goal and passed the necessary exams to be awarded an MCSE/MCP+I. With these new found skills I was easily able to secure myself skilled work in the IT profession.

Customer Service/telesales Brann, BT, Bristol & West Building Society

1995 - 2000

QUALIFICATIONS / EDUCATION

MCSE/MCP/MCP+I	Microsoft Certificated Systems Engineer/ Microsoft Certificated Professional plus Internet Professional <i>Amraf (IT Training) and Home Study</i>
NCFE	Visual Basic, Web Creation and HTML, Image manipulation with PhotoShop 6.0 <i>Bristol University College</i>
City & Guilds	Programming with Visual Basic and Basic <i>Bristol University College</i>
BA (Hon's) 2.2	Art and Design <i>Suffolk University, Ipswich</i>
National Diploma	National Diploma in Art and Design <i>University of the West of England, Bower Ashton, Bristol</i>
Art & Design (B) Computer Science (C)	A levels <i>Filton Technical College, Bristol</i>
Art (A), English Lit. (A) English Lang. (B) , Maths (A) Computer Science (B) Classics (B) , Physics (C) Chemistry (C) , Music (B)	GCSE <i>Fairfield Grammar School, Bristol</i>
NCFE	Samba Drumming and Street Performance <i>Bristol School of Samba</i>

FURTHER INFORMATION

References available on request.

Online portfolio www.kigwana.com