# Creating Your CV Well, I have <buzzword>ed the <buzzword>...

## What Makes Up a CV?



Personal Info

Education

Work Experience

**Activities** 

Skills

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## **Personal Information**

- Name
- Contact Information
  - Email Address
  - Mailing Address
  - Telephone Number
  - Website

You shouldn't have a problem with this... ©

## Education

- Name of Institution
- Dates Attended
- Degree / Diploma attained
- etc.

### **B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence**

University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

2008 – Present

Courses Include: Algorithms & Learning; Computer Systems & Software Engineering;

Language Processing; Agents & Reasoning; Mathematics (Calculus,

Algebra, Geometry, Statistics) Psychology; Philosophy

Recipient of the Simon Gray Prize in Philosophy for Logic 1 (2009)

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  - How have you contributed?
  - Quantify your achievements
  - Ask ask people ◎

### **Example:**

- Wrote a web crawler script and some regular expressions
- Looked for and edited scripts for browser location
- Extended a sample mobile application with company API

### **Web Developer Intern**

Company Name, Country

Jul – Aug 2009

Wrote PHP scripts to extract information with which to populate the company database

Researched and wrote scripts exploiting location-based functionality within web browsers

Developed a location-based mobile app for demonstration of the Nokia Ovi Maps Beta API

### **Web Developer Intern**

Company Name, Country

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Crawled and parsed >3000 webpages to build a initial database for one of Asia's current Top 10 mobile applications

Researched accuracy, feasibility and robustness of web browserbased location estimates

Developed a location-based mobile app with the Nokia Ovi Maps Beta platform, used for <company> demonstration and pitches

No experience yet?



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### **Technical Skills**

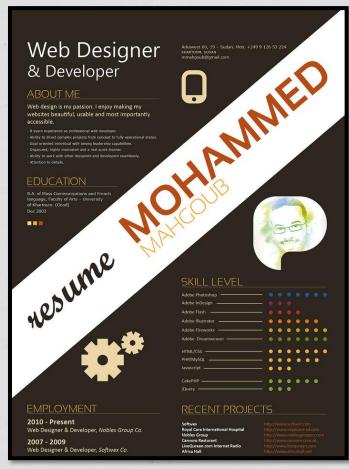
- Programming languages
- Databases? Systems? etc.

### Other Skills

- Languages
- Soft Skills etc.

Rate them: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

## What Makes an Awesome CV?

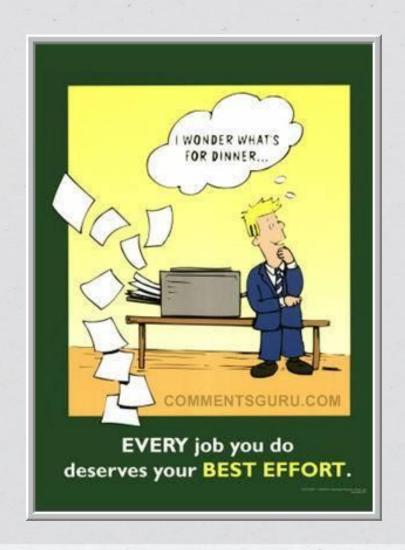


**Effort** 

Design

Source: mmahgoub@flickr

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# Design

- Margins
- Whitespace
- Colours
- Indentation
- Fonts

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case summaries, researched legal issues, and prepared orders in court.

Family and Children's Law Center

San Rafael, CA

Law Clerk/Client Advocate May-August 2006 Did intake and counseling sessions with clients for dissolution proceedings, child custody matters, property division, and domestic violence matters; represented clients in court for restraining order hearings; wrote and filed motions; drafted Marital Settlement Agreements and Trial Briefs.

Bay Area Legal Aid

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San Francisco, CA Law Clerk, Family Law and Domestic Violence Division September 2005-May 2006 Researched and wrote motions, pleadings, memoranda, and legal briefs; completed and filed Judicial Counsel forms; conducted investigations and discovery; handled client correspondence.

W.O.M.A.N., Inc. (Women Organized to Make Abuse Nonexistent)

San Francisco, CA

Crisis Services Program and Manager October 2002-September 2003 Counseled survivors of domestic abuse at a community-based domestic violence nonprofit organization. Coordinated the crisis line as program manager including scheduling, operation and 24hour on-call support for other counselors. Managed 30+ crisis line volunteers including recruitment

### SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- · Proficient in Legal Solutions, Essential Forms, Microsoft Office Suite, and various database software programs; advanced statute and case law research certification for Westlaw and Lexis.
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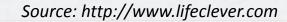
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### Introduction

- Where did you hear about them?
- What are you applying for?

After hearing about <company>'s available opportunities from the <place/website>, I am extremely eager to apply for a position within the <whatever role / division>.

### **Objective**

- What is your goal?
- How can the company help you achieve it?

My goal is to be in a position where <what?> — through <things that you could do if at the company>. <Example goes here> Hence, I feel that working at <company> would provide the chance to <achieve goal>.

### **Compatibility**

- Why should they hire you?
- Why your skills match their needs

The <activity identified> has helped to develop my <skill>. This puts me in an ideal position to <learn / do something that the company is proud of>.

# Workshop

### The Achievement-Focused CV:

 How can you show more of an impact in your experience and activities?

### The Cover Letter:

• How would the skills you've identified earlier be compatible with a company?