## Eric J. Rich

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## **Summary**

A versatile technology professional with expertise in IT engineering, technology integration, CNC machining, and custom fabrication. I specialize in process optimization, LEAN manufacturing, and product development. Proficient in CAD systems, 3D printing, and R&D, I provide practical solutions with a hands-on approach, guiding teams and solving complex challenges in technical environments.

## **Core Competencies**

- IT and Technology Integration: Experienced in system setup, optimization, and security across DOS, Windows, and Linux, with proficiency in Bash, HTML5, CSS, and JavaScript
- Product Development & R&D: Hands-on contributor in product development, managing projects from idea to execution with a focus on creativity and performance optimization.
- Maker Mentality & Problem-Solving: Adept at leveraging tools like CNC machines, CAD systems, and 3D printing to deliver innovative solutions for custom fabrication and manufacturing challenges.
- Process Optimization & Lean Manufacturing: Proficient in applying LEAN principles to enhance process efficiency, reduce waste, and optimize tool life and cycle times.
- CAD & Technical Documentation: Advanced skills in CAD software for precise fabrication, design, and documentation of technical projects.
- Automotive Diagnostics & Home Maintenance: Knowledgeable in automotive electrical/mechanical diagnostics and repair, as well as home and building maintenance tasks
  like plumbing and electrical work.
- Teaching & Mentorship: Skilled in teaching and mentoring, simplifying complex processes to help teams and individuals grow and succeed in technical environments.

#### **Experience**

#### Freelance Contractor, R&D, and Startup Collaboration - EJRCNC (2020-Present)

Engaged in various freelance and contract work, including electrician, handyman, tech support, and consulting services.

Applied CNC machining, 3D printing, and custom fabrication to solve unique challenges, such as creating custom parts for clients with specialized needs.

Collaborated with startups and contributed to R&D projects involving process development and product innovation (under NDA).

Proficient in system migration, network setup, script design, and media crafting for client-focused solutions.

## John R. Bromiley Machine Shop - CNC Setup/Programmer (2017-2020)

Developed custom macro templates and optimized programming for military-grade products. Specialized in precision CNC machining and tool life optimization.

### Globus Medical - CNC Machinist (2015-2017)

Manufactured tight tolerance **spinal implants** and ensured high-quality output through in-process inspections and collaboration in a team environment.

## Scientific Instrument Services - CNC Machinist (2012-2015)

Manufactured high-precision scientific instruments and medical parts, including programming OGP SmartScope routines for faster inspections.

#### Edmund Optics - CNC Lathe Operator/Programmer (2008-2012)

Produced military-grade night vision components and specialized in aspheric lens production for military applications.

#### MGP LLC (SGL Carbon Group) - CNC Operator/Programmer (2006-2008)

Operated FANUC lathes and produced high-quality components for aerospace and energy sectors, including Tomahawk missile parts.

### H. Shoemaker Welding and Machine Shop Inc. - CNC Lathe Operator (2004-2006)

Produced a wide range of parts using different CNC lathes for various industrial applications.

# Micro-Coax Inc. - CNC Lathe Operator (Swiss: Star & Citizen) (2003-2004)

Manufactured parts for high-end coaxial cable connectors using Swiss lathes.

# Creative House International - Machine Maintenance & Setup (2000-2003)

Performed machine maintenance and setup for cookie cutter manufacturing processes, ensuring smooth and efficient production.

#### **Education & Certifications**

### **EZ-GUIDE Programming (DOOSAN) - 2019**

Mastered DOOSAN's EZ-GUIDE system for CNC optimization.

### LEAN Level One Certification (DVIRC) - 2014-2015

Proficient in LEAN methodologies for process improvement and waste reduction.

# CNC Training Program (MCCC) - 2009

Extensive training in CNC operations and precision machining.

## Drafting Technology & Metal Tech (WCTS) - 2001-2003

Strong foundation in CAD systems and metalworking techniques.