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CAREER OBJECTIVE:

I am an agile and adaptive BA (Hons) in Digital Arts graduate that enjoys working around the pressure of combining the art of design with the art of programming. I am looking for an Internship at Digital Resolve to build experience and train my digital vernacular in Web Development. I am diligent and an inquisitive team worker that is competent in translating UI/UX designs into technical implementation.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG (2018 - 2021) Honours Bachelor of Arts (Digital Arts)

Majors:

- Game Design
- Interactive Media

Subjects:

- Game Design
- Interactive Media
- Digital Arts Project
- Research Project

Research Project: A study of Gamification. A project exploring the uses of the Gamification of Surveys.

Digital Arts Project: A study in Interaction Design. A music participation web application that uses mobile phone gesture control to create beats.

SUIDERLIGH HIGH SCHOOL, VANDERBIJLPARK (2013 – 2017)

Highest Grade Passed: Grade 12

Subjects: English (Home Language), Afrikaans (First Additional Language),

Mathematics, Accounting, Economics, Business Studies, Life Orientation.

Distinctions achieved in Life Orientation and Business Studies.

SKILLS

- Technical experience in producing well documented HTML, CSS, Javascript code that is fast and efficient.
- Technical experience in writing re-usable code in React.js.
- Technical experience in C# with Unity game engine.
- Agile and able to pivot and learn new languages, libraries, and frameworks.
- Implement and use UI/UX design principles to make or translate UI designs form wireframes to technical implementation.
- Ensuring that designs are compatible and respond to multiple devices and screen sizes.
- Ensuring that builds/deployed sites are accessible to all audiences using semantic HTML and Aria Attributes.
- Good understanding and ability to work with Api's including Canvas, Fetch, Web Audio, and Accelerometer api.
- Good understanding of Object Orientated programming and advanced javascript concepts like asynchronous javscript, classes, and class inheritance.
- Able to streamline projects on version control systems such as Git.
- Krita (an Adobe Illustrator free alternative)
- Figma (and Adobe XD free alternative)
- Interpersonal skills developed through general teamwork and frequently working on group projects.
- Diligent and patient communicator.
- Attention to detail.
- English (Fluent), Xhosa (Native), Sesotho (Fluent)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Special achievements and Honours:

Suiderlig High School Top Ten (2013-2017).

INTERESTS

Art: My interest in art is foregrounded by the idea that art does not exist without intent. Which always leads me to questioning why, what is being represented by a game, design or art piece that is meant for communication.

Design: My interest in art and design has developed my ability to think creatively and think about the end-user in every product I build.

Music: My interest in music and playing keyboard has developed my ability to engage and reflect on multimedia and interaction design.

REFEREES

Prof. H. Geyser, Senior Lecturer – Interactive Media, Wits School of Arts, University of the Witwatersrand

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