**ABOUT ME**

My name is Travis and I am from Fort Worth, TX where I currently live with my wife and our two dogs, Juniper and Bubba. I am currently employed at a local commercial Audio/Visual integration company where I work as a System Designer as well as a student at Colorado State University – Global Campus where I am currently pursuing my bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) and Business Analytics, with a specialization in Computer Programming. While I currently stay quite busy with work, school, and projects around the house, in my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, listening to and playing music, playing games, reading, and am constantly striving to continue to learn new things or sharpen and improve on the skills I already have.

**Starting My Secondary Education & Work Experience – How Did I Get Here?**

Upon graduating high school in 2011, I began studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) before deciding to change directions and continue my education at Tarrant County College (TCC) while I decided on the career path I wanted to pursue. During this time, I held a couple of different part time positions while in school and upon being let go from one of my positions in November of 2013 due to downsizing, I decided to take some time to decide on how I wanted to move forward.

During this time, I continued to complete classes at TCC, and took up a temporary freelance contract position with a local audio/visual event company. After working with this company for a while, I decided to search for more stable income but wanted to stay in the audio/visual field as it was something I was familiar with and enjoyed. This eventually brought me to my current company, Electro Acoustics where I began my career as an Installation Tech in June of 2014. As an installation technician, I quickly grew my skills, learning to install systems as well as how to setup and thoroughly troubleshoot to prepare for project commissioning and turnover.

Throughout 2014 and into 2015, I quickly worked my way up to a Project Lead position where I lead a number of projects ranging in size from just a few thousand dollars to overseeing the AV installation for the largest project the company has done to date (Dickies Arena). While in this position I was responsible for leading teams in the installation of the AV systems as well as several project coordination and scheduling activities, including coordinating installation schedules and deliverables with stakeholders throughout the project. Additionally, I was often responsible for setting up, testing, and verifying system functionality as well as training the end users on the systems once the installation had completed.

Shortly after wrapping up Dickies Arena at the end of 2019, I moved into the Design department where I continue to work as a System Designer. Within this role I have many responsibilities, depending on the project and the stage of the project. Often times I will work with our sales team and project stakeholders to facilitate project requirements and constraints in the early stages of the project. Doing this helps us to determine the functional and physical requirements of the system that we will use to develop initial system designs that we can propose to the client. Additionally, as a system designer, I am responsible for both the conceptual and physical design of systems, working to ensure the projects remain within the customer’s budget while maintaining as much of the original system functionality as possible by swapping equipment and proposing alternative solutions, working with the client and our sales team until a good solution has been reached.

**Recent Education – Continuing My Secondary Education**

To further describe how I ended up continuing my education, I will rewind a few years, back to 2018. During my time as a Project Lead, I had begun to develop an interest in Project Management and wanted to sharpen and improve my leadership and project management skills and began looking into continuing my education. I felt that a formal education in Project Management would help to improve my project management skills and abilities, so I began to search for an online Project Management degree program, eventually finding my way to Colorado State University-Global Campus where I began working to complete a B.S. of Project Management.

Shortly after beginning this program, I took an operations management course where I learned about and practiced using data to analyze trends and forecast future demands for operations and products. This made me realize that while I enjoyed the leadership opportunities and tasks and responsibilities associated with project management, I was much more interested and passionate about being able to observe and utilize data to detect patterns and trends that could influence decisions and drive improvements and change. This realization prompted me to make the change from project management to begin pursuing the B.S. in Management Information Systems (MIS) and Business Analytics degree program, which I am aiming to complete by mid-September 2022.

As part of the MIS and Business Analytics degree program, I had the opportunity to take part in a basic programming course where I learned the fundamentals and concepts of object- oriented programming (OOP) and the basics of Python programming as well. This was my first time participating in any type of computer programming, but I immediately developed a fascination with it and added a computer programming specialization to my degree program to continue learning and expanding my programming skills.

While I have enjoyed my time at my current company, I feel that it is time to expand my knowledge and skills beyond what my current company can provide. I am looking for opportunities that will allow me to grow and continue to learn and improve on my data/business analysis and programming skills. I am looking forward to being challenged while being able to provide insights and help push organizations towards meaningful improvements and changes, both internally and externally. As I continue to push towards completing my degree, I continue to develop my analytics and programming skills and am looking forward to having the opportunity to begin a career in business/data analytics.

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