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B.A. in Media

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Profile

I graduated from The Arts Academy of Turku University of Applied Sciences with a B.A. in Media, year 2006. After this I have worked as a graphic designer for Max Rumpus Oy Ltd, where I designed and developed mobile publications. My strength is illustration, especially character illustration, in which I am mostly self-learned. I also know the basics of a variety of software and some coding, upon which I can expand.

Experience

Graphic Designer, September 2006-May 2007

Max Rumpus Oy Ltd

The design and development of mobile publications. The graphic design team included me and the team leader, and we communicated in English. In my work I used the company's own XHTML-based Maxdox Mobile Publisher software and Adobe Photoshop. I also created a few web banners for a customer campaign as well as icons for the software.

Graduation Project, 2006

A story-based Flash site. The project included character design, writing, illustration, colouring in Adobe Photoshop and finally putting it all together in Macromedia Flash.

Illustrator, 2005 ->

Turun Science Fiction Seura Ry

Short story illustrations for the club's magazine, Spin, as a hobby. Mostly marker drawings.

Content designer, November 2005-January 2006

Max Rumpus Oy Ltd

"Esqueleto!" comic strips for mobile devices. I was in charge of coding with the Maxdox Mobile Publisher software, and I took part in scripting and character design.

Trainee, February-April 2004

Email Cartoon / Tradena Oy (currently Suomen Piirros Studio)

I made cleaned up versions of sketched clothes and animated them in a walk cycle for SubTV's Double Life -character chat. I also designed and developed coloured background images for mobile devices. I used Adobe Photoshop for both. After the trainee period I continued to provide mobile background images for about a year.

Other Experience

Office worker, August-November 2007

Eilakaisla Oy

I was an office worker at a mobile phone repair company.

Trainee, office assistant, August-September 2001

The International Meeting Point / The Multicultural Association of Satakunta

I assisted in office and translation work. I also painted a wall painting for the game room.

Education

Digital Arts, Communication and Media Arts (B.A. in Media), 2002-2006

The Arts Academy of Turku University of Applied Sciences

The Digital Arts specialisation focused on content design in the different fields of digital media. Course topics included for example web design, multimedia design (Flash) and digital image processing (Photoshop).

Upper Secondary School Graduate

Länsi-Porin lukio

Skills

Languages

Mother tongue: Finnish

Good: English

Fair: written Swedish and French

Computer

Good: Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office, HTML, Windows operating systems

Fair: Macromedia Flash, CSS, Mac operating systems

Basics: Macromedia Dreamweaver, PHP, 3ds Max, Adobe After Effects

Hobbies

On my free time I draw, play video games and go to the gym. I use the computer every day and spend my time in Internet communities, e.g. the art community DeviantART. I'm also interested in comics, movies and fantasy literature.

For years I have managed my own web site, which I code myself using HTML, CSS and a little of PHP. I use Photoshop for the graphic elements of the site.