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EDUCATION

James Madison University
December 2004

B.S. in Media, Arts & Design with a concentration in Digital Media / Interactive Multimedia.
Minor in Music Industry.

PORTFOLIO

Visit www.matthewchwat.com for a few samples of my work.
**Additional samples can be supplied upon request.*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Thinkdesign
May 2008 – Present
Senior Interactive Designer
Falls Church, VA

Employed as a Senior Designer to engage the interactive/web side of Thinkdesign. Handling nearly all web clients to help them realize their company goals through digital media. Planning, designing, developing, and producing web strategy consulting for web based marketing success. Day to day client faced interaction in a close relationship. Projects include but not limit to: User Interface Design, Adobe Flash, HTML/CSS/Javascript(Jquery, Mootools), WordPress Blog Customization and Implementation, HTML Email development, Site Re-Designs, and Branding.

September 2003 - Present
Freelance Graphic / Multimedia Designer
Metro DC Area

Created multimedia and graphic solutions for various clients in and around the Metropolitan DC Area. Maintained client relations and upheld deadlines. Worked in various fields including but not limiting to: Music/Entertainment, Fine Arts, Apparel, and Corporate.

Enterprise Business Solutions, Inc.
Graphic Designer / User Interface Designer
June 2005 – May 2008
Alexandria, VA

Employed on contract to the Army National Guard for the creation of multimedia and graphic solutions for their nation-wide Guard Member website, Virtual Armory (www.virtualarmory.com), as well as extra promotional material for the National Guard. Helped re-focus the site into a better environment for the end-user (the full-time Guard Member) to achieve success in his/her daily business through more intuitive user-based design. Played key role in leading the web team

on many various projects including the re-design of the site, Virtual Armory. Lead role in concept, development, and implementation of multiple application front end design. Day-to-day duties included creation of new graphic material for Virtual Armory, screen treatments for look-and-feel as well as graphic user interface design. Introduced Adobe Flash into Virtual Armory. Served as graphic / multimedia liaison to the top officers on the contract as well as the Guard's top Advertising and Marketing officers. Re-Designed the look and feel of the Virtual Armory twice as well as migrated and created CSS Web Standards for the new Virtual Armory. Played lead role in directing the front-end team in migration of content and applications from HTML table layout into CSS compliant "div" based layout. Duties also involved designing of graphic updates to current applications with the use of Adobe Photoshop / Illustrator, as well as the creation of various video and Adobe Flash multimedia promotional materials.

*Lock Media Services, Inc.
Multimedia & Graphics Intern
May 2004 – Nov. 2004
Manassas, VA*

Multimedia and Web Development Company. Played key role in concept, development, and implementation of multiple multimedia, web, and video projects. Day-to-day duties involved designing screen treatments for various websites and interfaces using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Image Ready and Adobe Flash for the front end while creation and maintenance of the back-end through HTML coding and Adobe Dreamweaver. Duties also involved designing print materials for promotional purposes with the use of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, as well as researching costs for printing, duplication and general Adobe Flash / Graphic production.

KNOWLEDGE

Adobe (Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Illustrator, In Design, Flash)
HTML, XHTML
CSS and Cross-Browser Compliancy
Familiar with JavaScript (jQuery, Mootools), PHP
ActionScript for Adobe Flash
Final Cut Pro Studio (HD), Adobe Audition, Pro Tools, Cubase
Mac OSX & Windows

AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

2009 MixCSS.com, CSS Website Gallery, "MatthewChwat.com" featured website on homepage.

2005 Broadcast Education Association Festival: International Student Interactive Multimedia Competition - Honorable Mention for "Matthew Chwat - Interactive Portfolio"

2004 Interactive Web Portfolio featured on front page of James Madison University School of Media Arts and Design website: (smad.jmu.edu)