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Career Summary

Over eight years experience in the web industry, using creative and innovative solutions to deliver complex web based projects on time and budget.

Career History

Project Manager – RSS Web/Fused Group

February 2007 – Present

- Leading a team of seven developers and designers to deliver web based projects.
- Steering projects through their complete life cycle, including writing statements of work, project initiation documents and functional specifications, to delivering and supporting the launched sites.
- Cost projections and budget planning, reporting to the board of directors on project success rates.
- Managing and scheduling for multiple concurrent projects.
- Development of internal projects and software, including technical documentation and product testing.
- Experience of working effectively with organisations from both private and public sector organisations, including Oxfam, Commonwealth Secretariat, Unity Trust Bank, Business Design Centre, Clarins, GMB and ASLEF trade unions.
- Implementation of Prince 2 methodology and a strong knowledge of Agile and Scrum techniques.

Web Developer - Fused Group (formerly Poptel Technology)

March 2005 – January 2007

- Developing websites with an in house CMS for clients, incorporating a variety of solutions including, membership database integration, forums, dynamic form builder, blogs, syndicated content, events calendar, secure areas, online shop, mailing lists, postcode and bank account checking.
- Director of employee benefit trust (Poptel was a cooperative company).
- Working on core software products, introducing new functionality.
- Working under pressure and meeting deadlines.
- Building sites to high levels of accessibility and usability using semantic markup.

Freelance Web Design and Development – Athens/London

September 2000 – February 2005

- Implementation, design and development of dynamic websites including database driven applications, graphic design and search engine optimisation.
- Creative solutions in deploying content management systems and secure, private member areas.
- Client liaison, communicating concepts, strategies and solutions in dual languages (English and Greek) and ensuring projects meet and exceed requirements.

Youth Leader - Greece, Athens

August 1999 – August 2000

- Team leading, events management and establishing new projects.
- Football coaching, running sailing experiences for young people and setting up and managing three youth groups.

Technical Skills

- Microsoft Project
- ASP
- VBScript
- SQL
- XSLT/XPATH/XML
- XHTML/HTML
- CSS

Education and Training

Pharos Leadership Training

January 2008 – September 2008

Management and effective leadership

DeMontfort University, Leicester

September 1994 – June 1998

BSc Engineering IT

Interests

I have an organised and active approach to life: I like to keep fit and I cycle to work everyday, play tennis at the weekends and go to the gym regularly and I spend winter holidays snowboarding. While living in Greece I taught myself the language and enjoy returning to Greece to keep my language skills current. I also enjoy cooking, walking and reading.

References

Available on request