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S U M M A R Y O F S K I L L S E T S

- ▶ Skilled in digital graphic illustration, design, and web animation. Unique and imaginative artistic perspective.
- ▶ Experience in software development, notably with web technologies and application-level programming environments.

E X P E R I E N C E

Independent Contracting — Highlights

Vendaria Media, Seattle, WA 2006 – present

- ▶ Created animated product demos/selectors, tutorials, banner ads/online advertising, kiosk displays, and illustrations for numerous retail/e-retail clients including LG Electronics, Costco, TomTom, Samsonite, Staples, Walmart, and Home Depot. The presentations are currently viewable on client websites and Vendaria's presentation website at <http://www.vendaria.com>. Technologies involved: Adobe Creative Design Suite through CS5.5 (Flash/ActionScript 3.0, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), Corel Painter.
- ▶ Provided various web integration and webmaster services for client web pages, notably editing and updating HTML content and editing retail logos/banners. Technologies involved: HTML/XHTML/CSS, Fireworks, Photoshop.
- ▶ Designed merchandising components for display on client websites (e.g., product selectors, vector illustrations, product branding content). Provided extensive photoediting services. Technologies involved: Photoshop, Illustrator, Fireworks, ActionScript 2.0.

PixClinic, Mill Creek, WA Feb – Mar, 2008

- ▶ Designed/developed custom search tool for eBay stores in selecting gems and precious jewelry. Technologies involved: Flash/ActionScript 2.0.

Matheson Media, Snohomish, WA 2006 – present

- ▶ Designed logos, postcards, Flash animations, and illustrations for local businesses (e.g., City of Snohomish, Snohomish Valley Association, Twin Commanders Aircraft, First Heritage Bank, Shawn's Quality Produce, *et.al.*). Technologies involved: Photoshop CS5.5, Illustrator CS5.5, Flash CS5, Corel Painter 11.
- ▶ Provided Flash animation/development for video demo in conjunction with launch of Orbit, phonebook social networking application launched by Orbit Media company. October, 2009. Technologies involved: Flash CS4, Illustrator CS4, Photoshop CS4, ActionScript 3.0
- ▶ Edited and maintained Flash content for AI.Carts website, a company that designs aerospace-inspired furniture. Technologies involved: Flash CS3, ActionScript 2.0, Photoshop CS3.
- ▶ Designed Flash-based promotional video for **epals.com**, an online community for promoting

children literacy. The video was premiered in a Toronto business trade show, May 2007.
Technologies involved: Flash CS3, Illustrator CS3, ActionScript 2.0

- ▶ Edited Flash-based demos to assist cell phone customers in accessing AOL Instant Messaging services and developed internet-based cell-phone guides. May – July, 2007. Technologies involved: Flash, Illustrator, ActionScript 2.0

Freelance illustration and graphic design work

2005 – 2008

- ▶ Designed and illustrated children's activity books *Holoholo I Hawai'i – Hele on to the Islands of Aloha* (pub. July 2006) and *Holoholo I Kaua'i* (pub. July 2007) by Mutual Publishing, based in Honolulu. The books are the first of a series covering all the major islands of Hawai'i. Books are available through various distributors, including amazon.com.
- ▶ Illustrated picture book, *Kai The Honu Who Didn't Know He Was Brave*, published by Mutual Publishing in October 2005.

Other Experience

Software Developer, *Intermec Technologies Corporation, Edmonds, WA* 1990-2000

- ▶ Created software applications for various auto ID products designed by company (bar code readers, scanners, printers). Technologies involved: C, C++, Java.

Software Developer, *GoAhead Software, Bellevue, WA* 2000-2001

- ▶ As part of embedded software development team, created web-based software to monitor router hardware performance and internet traffic. Technologies involved: C, Adobe graphic applications.

E D U C A T I O N

Master of Science in Computer Science, *Washington State University, Pullman, WA*

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, *University of Washington, Seattle, WA*

- ▶ Graduated Cum Laude.

Continuing Education, *Bellevue Community College, Bellevue, WA*

- ▶ Completed Certificate program in Internet Application Development. Relevant courses: Client side/server side programming, database development, professional web design and digital graphic design.

O R G A N I Z A T I O N S

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

Cartoonists Northwest

Seattle Adobe Interactive User Group