

## **Russell Martin James Thaddeus Thorn**

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### **Qualifications –**

Honours Degree –

**Ba(Hons) Graphic Design and Illustration (2:2)**

Foundation - **Art and Design (Pass)**

'A' Levels – **Art and Design Grade (C)**

G.C.S.E. – **Art, English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics**

### **Education –**

Demontfort University (Lincoln)

**September 1994 – June 1997**

University of Central England

**September 1993 – June 1994**

Sandwell College of Further and Higher Education

**September 1990 – June 1993**

Stuart Bathurst Roman Catholic High School

**September 1985 – June 1990**

### **Experience –**

The Design Conspiracy – August 2006 – To present

Job Description – Freelance Web Designer (Marketing)

Duties

- To design and build functional and accessible websites using html, Xhtml, CSS, JavaScript, Dreamweaver and Flash, for the purpose of marketing
- To work efficiently and accurately as part of a team or independently to meet all clients requirements and deadlines.
- To produce mock-ups, visual site maps and notes on how the site will work and where the links will take them, for prior approval of the client
- To produce a fully working and tested example for clients approval
- To update and adapt design to meet any changes submitted by the client.
- To maintain the site, systematically testing the site for any errors i.e. broken links.
- To provide a site that meets requirements of the client and that is cross-browser compatible where applicable.
- To assure the site is easily accessible to the client's targeted audience
- To ensure that the clients site can be found easily through search engines
- To organise folders, documents, files and scripts in a logical and easy to follow and easy to update format
- To publish and upload sites to the clients chosen server

Nova Group, Japan – September 2005 – July 2006

Job Description –Teacher of English

Duties

- To teach 34 lessons per week, each 40 minutes in duration
- To teach ages from age 3 up
- Adult classes consist of up to a maximum of 4 students
- Children's classes consist of up to a maximum of 8 students
- To plan and direct large open discussions sessions accounting for the needs of students of all levels
- To plan and direct large open discussions aimed at specific levels of attainment, aimed at recapping, confirming and developing understanding of the language used
- To promote interaction of all students in these discussion sessions and monitor them in order that they not be dominated by the stronger and more confident students
- To plan lessons orientated around each student needs and requirements
- To mark lessons and write evaluation of students attainment, progress and future requirements for the benefit of colleagues and for assessment purposes
- To write progress reports in plain English for the benefit of the students
- To monitor and evaluate progress, levels of attainment and comments of colleagues for the purpose of recommendation for progressive level up tests

The Design Conspiracy – June 2001 - July 2005

## Job Description – Freelance Web Designer (Marketing)

### Duties

- To design and create marketing materials such as magazines advertisements, virals, banners, posters, flyers etc using Photoshop, Freehand, Illustrator, Quarkxpress and InDesign.
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### Skills

Strong skills with the following software packages Photoshop CS (and previous versions), Freehand, Dreamweaver, Flash.

Good and growing knowledge of html, xhtml, JavaScript, CSS

Good, logical organisation and documentation skills

Strong communication skills in all areas

Customer focused, pro-active and self motivated with good interpersonal skills.

Determination and enthusiasm

### Personal statement

I am a highly motivated and enthusiastic person. I'm a friendly, lively, upbeat, positive and approachable person. Which easily enables me to work in any environment. I enjoy and thrive off challenges and how to solve and overcome them. I work well either within a team environment or independently. Being creative is in everything I do from cooking to designing to coding. Creativity is a passion and a way of life for me. Working to deadlines has for many years been a part of every day and I enjoy the challenge of meeting deadlines. I have a strong desire to do the best possible and I research and learn new techniques, in order to improve my to approach different problems using different techniques. Allowing my to think laterally and outside the box. I am very flexible and am open to outside input and suggestions. Whether it be criticism from a client or advise from a colleague. I feel this approach helps me to develop and improve all the time.

In my personal life too, I'm creative, spontaneous and open-minded. I keen to try new activities and pass times. I like to keep my mind and body active. I use my creativeness to keep my life interesting and exciting.

### Hobbies and Interests

- Anything to do with creativity. I visit art galleries, museums, cultural and heritage sites. I subscribe to, buy and read various creative magazines, journals and books. Most of them relating to design and web design.
- Sketching, drawing and painting
- Recapping and learning more Japanese (Speaking and writing)
- New and up and coming technologies and developments in creative and web design technologies.
- Cycling, mountain biking
- Going swimming and to the gym
- Martial arts
- Films and cinema
- Music from many different genres.