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## Personal details

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## Profile

Having worked in a diverse range of retail and office situations, my extensive experience in successful client liaison and technical roles have prepared me to integrate into any work environment. My most recent education and employment have equipped me with the practical, creative, and most importantly professional skills required to solve problems and complete work quickly and efficiently.

I have previously worked on a freelance basis encouraging a strong, disciplined work ethic and exponentially boosting my professional maturity. This also gave me the freedom to further explore my own specific interest in computer aided design methods and the more unexpected uses for digital design tools.

I treat each and every work task assigned to me with the same intricate care and attention and am now fully prepared for, and committed to a successful career in the creation of meaningful design, that fulfils and surpasses users' core needs and aspirations.

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## Education

**Recent:** Product Design BSc (HONS) - University of Brighton

**1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours Degree (with Professional Experience)**

Awards: Year 1 - Academic Achievement Prize  
- Immaculate Modelling Design Award  
Year 3 - Outstanding Final Project Prize  
- New Designers Representative Selection

Engineering Foundation - University of Brighton

**Pass with Merit**

**GCSEs:** **Eight A-Cs** including English, Mathematics and Science

GNVQ Engineering Lv. 2 – **Distinction**

**Additional:** - **Cytech** - Technical Two  
Bicycle mechanics qualification.

- Full, clean driving licence

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**July 2007 – September 2008** (ongoing project-based freelance until August 2009)

**PETA [UK] Ltd. – Product/Graphic Designer**

- Responsible for bringing Peta's latest products to market with concept development, CAD visualisations and full working drawings for manufacture.
- Visual rebranding of Peta UK publications and office stationery.
- Organisation and manning of Peta's display at Naidex 2008 (NEC) inclusive of product presentations to trade and medical professionals.

**May 2004 – July 2007**

**Seasonal staff – Colchester Zoo – Admissions team**

- Customer liaison, server maintenance and admissions team leading.

**March 2003 – May 2004**

**Thomas' Cycle Revolution – Bicycle Mechanic and Product Specialist.**

- Responsible for post-delivery safety checks and mechanical work on all bicycles.
- Providing specialist advice on trials specific equipment choice and adventure sport clothing.

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**Relevant Skills/Further Information**

**Design Capability:**

- Able to attend equally to the holistic design process, or specific assigned tasks.
- **Skilled use of 3D CAD** software including **Solidworks, Inventor, Rhinoceros** and rendering packages **Hypershoot** and **Maxwell Render**.
- Can create **animations** and **fly-throughs** using various software packages.
- See great value in using analogue media including **design sketching** and **soft modelling**.
- Integration of popular graphics software to enhance concept development and presentation processes: **Photoshop and Indesign** (In-Depth), **Illustrator, Dreamweaver** and **Flash**.

**Recognition:**

- BSc year 3 - Project Funding Scholarship  
Degree Project Outstanding Achievement Award
- 'Food Prep Board' (Peta [UK] Ltd.) featured in 'This' magazine and Hometone.org.
- BSc year 1 - Academic Achievement Scholarship  
School of Engineering Prototype Award

Registered member of the Institute of Engineering Designers (**IED**)  
Registered Science and Engineering Ambassador (**SEA**) with CRB.

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**References**

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