

Resume

Desmond Grundy

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Profile

"If you want to get something done, find a busy person." That pretty much sums up my way of going. I am a consultant/business manager, software designer/developer, database administrator, musician. For the last eight months of this year I have also been renovating my house, working hands-on with all the trades, supervising, budgeting and managing the project as General Contractor. In short, I get stuff done and people count on me for that.

Achievements

From the factory assembly line to the landscaped backyard and from the stage to the corner office in the high-rise office tower, I have a wide range of experience in the world of work. I have run my own business in one form or another since the late eighties, working for clients in the technology (Sony) and publishing (Penguin) sectors, and a few hundred other small and medium sized businesses as well. I make a difference and it shows. Here are a few of the highlights:

Travelosophy.ca: 2005 - present. Working with a retired secondary school teacher I have developed a website with a worldwide audience. As an experienced travel writer, my associate produces a wide variety of textual and multimedia-based content which he is able to publish through the software I have developed from anywhere on the planet. He can pretty well write his own ticket now (pun intended) and has travelled to all corners of the world espousing the virtues and values of his standard-bearing kind of in-depth travel journalism.

Bassett-Laudi Partners: 1998 - 2000. As the technology guru for this Toronto executive search firm our team transformed this 2 million dollar a year partnership into a fourteen million dollar a year dynamo in 2 years. While supervising a team of 4 full time programmers, we developed and rolled out some of the most cutting-edge search and management software available in the recruitment industry at the time.

Firefly Books: 1990 - 1995. At the time, producing a catalogue was a tedious task that required massive amounts of paper, wax, photography and time. I was on the forefront of technology that would revolutionize this process. I brought digital tools to an analogue process that enabled this company to become the largest retail book distributor in Canada. With my help Firefly Books went from 3 catalogues per season to 9 catalogues per season, all produced in full-colour glossy format, for less money and in half the time.

Experience

Consulting and development. Project and team management. Project architecture: business and resource management; budgets, purchasing and scheduling. Solutions research. Pre-sales support. Software testing and roll out. Documentation design and development. Technical lead and production support. Special projects. These days my main development platform is the internet using PHP, MySQL, Apache and UNIX but I'm a Mac guy at heart.

Highlights:

- Internet consulting and production -- Recent websites produced include: brunelmining.com, brunelmultec.ca, cavouk.com, canasb.ca, travelosophy.ca, niche-tools.com, goodwoodnurseries.com, awsumink.net
- 4-colour book distribution catalogues -- Firefly Books, Penguin Books
- Membership directories -- Special Library's Association
- Paperback and ecumenical texts -- United Church of Canada
- Technical manuals -- Batteries Included, Sony of Canada
- Magazines, promotions, and advertising -- U of T Press, Government of Ontario
- Book and DVD Publishing -- United Church Hymn Book, Burma Liberators

Employment:

D. Grundy (self-employed, IT consultant/technician/developer, musician, designer)
D. Grundy Consultants Inc.: 2001 - 2004 (self-employed consultant IT specialist)
Bassett-Laudi Partners: 1998 - 2000 (IT manager, project developer, CTO)
TCR Ltd.: 1992 - 1997 (self-employed system specialist, Value-added reseller)
Next Level Inc.: 1987 - 1992 (self-employed electronic publishing consultant)
Batteries Included: 1986 - 1987 (Print Production Coordinator, Desktop Publisher)
Response Television Technologies : 1985 - 1986 (new technology consultant)

Education

Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology (Oakville, Ontario) 2-year Media Writing Certificate (1983 - 1985)

Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology (Hamilton, Ontario) Music, Theatre, Writing, Landscape Design (1981 -1982)

Royal Conservatory of Music/Mohawk College (Hamilton, Ontario) Percussion, Guitar, Piano, Music Theory (1975 - 1981)

References

Available on request