

# Curriculum Vitae for Anthony Hastings

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## **Profile**

I am a First Class Honours Graduate in Interactive Multimedia Design from the University of Ulster. The course helped me to develop a wide range of skills both in web design and development. During my time at University and on placement I gained good experience using PHP and MySQL, using them as tools to enhance the functionality of my designs. I am also proud to have been awarded with the 'Innovation in Placement' award from the University in recognition for a Content Management System I had built during my placement year.

## **Education**

**Sep 2004 - Jun 2008 University Of Ulster**

BSc Hons Interactive Multimedia Design & Diploma in Industrial Studies

Classification: First Class Honours (Degree) with a Commendation (Diploma)

The degree helps to develop skills in web design and development. It teaches creative design skills and gives an understanding of the issues associated with the subject. Focusing on web technologies, it gives a good grounding in most applications and languages used today by developers and designers alike.

Major Project URL: <http://www.thepianoman.info/>

My major project entitled 'Piano Man' is a website that offers high quality materials to teach people from a complete beginners level, the skills of how to play the piano and the theory of reading sheet music. The site offers high quality self-recorded video tutorials with downloadable iPod (mp4) and mp3 versions, a range of downloadable PDF chord charts and sheet music, an iTunes podcast, an interactive piano built in Flash, a buyer's section and a news section. The site has a custom made Content Management System residing in the admin section that powers the News and Lessons sections.

**Sep 1997 - Jun 2004 Ashfield Boys' High School**

AVCE ICT B  
AVCE Media Studies B  
AVCE Business Studies C  
9 GCSE's Grades B-C

## **Employment History**

### **Jul 2008 - Present                      Freelance Web Design / Development**

Upon graduating I took up freelance web design and development in my spare time. This has given me great knowledge and experience in dealing with clients, coding effectively, meet deadlines and designing based on the client's initial thoughts. I have worked with a number of clients, one of the biggest being Rainbow Telecom who are one of Ireland's biggest independent telecommunications provider.

### **Oct 2008 - Jan 2009                      Bluecube Interactive**

*Position*                      Freelance Web Developer

Working at Bluecube Interactive gave me a number of exciting and challenging projects to be a part of. The biggest project was the creation and implementation of a new website for Ulster Bank. This project involved coding using CSS, XML and XSLT. When hiring more developers to help work on this project, I was asked to train them on our project coding practices, semantics and to make them aware of any constraints. I also worked on a number of other projects for Aer Lingus, PANI, Consensia, Irish Distillers and Black Pearl Property. These projects involved banner design, search engine optimisation, site creation and implementation using PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, XML and JavaScript frameworks such as jQuery. I had a lot of interaction with clients in the forms of emails, phone conversations and face to face meetings.

### **Jul 2006 - Aug 2007                      Higher Education Academy (Information and Computer Sciences)**

*Position*                      Web Developer

This was my work placement during my university course. It involved the maintenance and development of the subject centre's website, as well as designing and developing smaller mini-sites. I maintained a number of MySQL databases and created content management systems using PHP for the staff. I also developed publications such as newssheets, e-journals, conference proceedings, booklets, website graphics and posters. I also installed and maintained both hardware and software of office PC's as a member of the technical staff. At times I was required to travel to the UK and ROI for work. In order to communicate with colleagues I used a range of channels such as Post, Phone, Email, Telephone and Video Conferencing.

### **Nov 2002 - Oct 2008                      The Jean Scene**

*Position*                      Sales Assistant

This part time job has a range of roles such as dealing with customers, till duties, banking, cleaning duties, tidying the shop floor, merchandising stock, reductions, replenishing stock, preparing for large sales.

## **IT Skills**

### **Operating Systems**

I am well versed in the features and facilities of all versions of Windows, as well as Ubuntu and Mac OS X.

### **Development and Markup Languages**

ActionScript, Visual Basic, XHTML, CSS, MySQL, JavaScript, PHP and XML.

I have a good understanding of Object-Orientated Programming (OOP) concepts and principles.

### **Applications**

Microsoft Office Package including Live Meeting, Microsoft Visual Basic 6, Adobe Dreamweaver, Flash, Fireworks, Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Macromedia Director and Sony Sound Forge.

### **Other Skills**

I have a good working knowledge of Version Control Systems such as Subversion and Git. I have excellent typing skills and a good knowledge of hardware and software, their faults and how they are solved.

## **Achievements**

### **Innovation in Placement Award for Computing 2006 / 2007**

I received this during my placement for the Higher Education Academy. I was entered into the university run competition after creating a conference paper peer-review content management system which uses XHTML, PHP and MySQL. By automating the entire process, the system frees up 12 days of administration per conference and won the competition with a cash prize of £500.

### **Headmasters Prize for Academic Excellence & GNVQ Award**

The Headmasters prize was awarded to me for excellent marks and performance during my GCSE years, and the GNVQ award was an award for excellent performance and results during my AVCE years at Ashfield Boys' High School.

### **School Prefect**

This gave me duties such as helping teacher's setup lessons or presentations, going to represent our school at ceremonies and presentations and looking out for the younger children and helping them with studies.

### **Personal Statement**

I am trustworthy, ambitious, hard-working, have integrity and am highly motivated. I work well as part of a team but am equally comfortable working independently. I strive to do my best at all times. I have a passion for multimedia and enjoy developing my skills to keep up with this ever-changing industry.

### **Interests**

I love listening to music of all genres and have played the piano for many years. A few sports I enjoy playing are badminton and hockey. I enjoy going to the cinema on a weekly basis and spend a fair amount of my leisure time enthusiastically reading web magazines, online articles and completing online tutorials.

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