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## Work History 2005-Present

### **Phoenix Designs (12/05-Present):**

Founder/Owner/Operator

Phoenix designs was established in 2005 and focuses on Web Design, creating gaming communities (running a gaming forum directly off the main site), producing an electronic gaming reviews magazine, and gaming consulting services.

### **Consulting: Dell/Alienware (AW)**

Presenter/Consultant/Researcher

Performed a Gaming Advertisement Marketing Analysis.

- Studied numerous PC Gaming computers magazine ads
- Obtained input from impartial gamers of game websites
- Compared printed and electronic ads
- Joined Alienware's Gaming Season Competition to study the event and AW staff
- Interviewed AW staff post-gaming season via Voice over IP
- Joined AW Team as a ringer (play tournaments with them when they need 1 more)
- Designed and Created Ad Concepts
- Presented to Dell/AW Market Analysis and Ad Concepts (also on included DVD)

### **Consulting: Interactive Products Corporation**

Developed Corporate Web Site for Hardware Engineering & Software Firm. <http://www.Interactive-Products.com>

- Obtained Corporate Domain for Web Hosting
- Interviewed customer and collected corporate content
- Designed Web Site
- Ported corporate content to new format using Joomla! CMS.

### **PC Gamers' Website Design, Development, and Forum Leader**

Designed and developed <http://www.DawnofthePhoenix.net> - a gaming community forum.

- Obtained Domain for Web Hosting
- Designed website
- Recoded PHP files for website source
- Edited/Created/Rendered graphics for website
- Produced Website
- Created forums for a gaming community to share (Develop, play, mod games together)
- Host voice over IP network for gamers
- Host downloads section with gamer specific content
- Installed CMS
- Administrate changes and members on the forums and site

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### **Game Reviews online magazine Design, Development, and Editor-in-Chief**

Designed and developed <http://www.GamersNexus.net> a gaming magazine.

- Obtained domain for web hosting
- Designed website
- Recoded CSS, PHP, HTML, XML, and XHTML files for hosting
- Recoded templates, customized source
- Installed CMS
- Generated Graphics
- Hosted forum
- Wrote reviews
- Edit reviews
- Post reviews
- Market and advertise the site to other popular websites

### **Film Production Hosting**

Designed and developed <http://www.GamersNexus.net/macbeth> a School Film hosting website. Site is a sub-site of my gaming reviews magazine, however it is its own entity. The "Macbeth" site was created as part of a High School English project, and was used to host videos filmed and edited by me for the instructor to easily view from school or home.

- Obtained domain for web hosting
- Designed website
- Used Adobe PhotoShop CS3 to design and slice graphics
- Used Dreamweaver CS3 to piece together the code, template, and overall site.
- Encoded flash video players.
- Studied existing movie/cinematic websites to create a similar product.
- Filmed, Edited, and Produced both videos on site.
- Presented site and project to receive a grade of 105 out of 100 possible points (extra credit).

### **Indie Game Dev Supporter**

Created a flash-based website for independent games developed by small companies and groups. Edited/created images, flash banner, and pages. <http://www.DawnofthePhoenix.net/spacedocker> for more info.

- Designed site
- Used Adobe Flash CS3, PhotoShop CS3, and Dreamweaver CS3 to create graphics
- Hosted downloads for users to download games created
- Produced music used in video game / in downloads section

## **Education**

### **High School Education, Class of 2009:**

#### **Cary High School Course Work**

1<sup>st</sup> semester

AP English IV, AP German V, Creative Writing II (Honors), Drafting II: Architecture (Honors)

2<sup>nd</sup> semester

AP German V, Physics, Technology Advanced Studies (Honors)

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### **Extracurricular:**

#### **Newspaper**

Positions: Reporter, Staff Writer, Page Layout, Photo Editor, Technology editor, Editor-in-Chief.

Produced School Newspaper, *The Spirit*. Sold ads, edited articles, edited photos, created pages, sold the paper, wrote articles and reviews.

#### **E3**

Positions: Vice President, Lead Graphics Designer

Led peers in learning how to use popular graphic design programs such as PhotoShop. The Goal of 2007-2008 was to produce a fully functional game. The goal of 2008-2009 is to write reviews for my game reviews website, [www.gamersnexus.net](http://www.gamersnexus.net)

### **Honors and Awards:**

#### **AMVET State and National Poster Contest 2003**

Won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. Entered a State of NC and National Poster Board Contest which entailed designing and drawing a poster based on the 'Americanism' theme. My concept was to use an American Veteran US Postage Stamp Series. Contest requirements included drawing directly on poster board and writing a 50-word essay.

#### **Cary Recycling Sculpture Contest 2002**

Won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. Entered a Cary, NC Recyclable Materials Sculpture Contest using Corrugated Card Board, Aluminum Cans, Aluminum Foil, Plastic Bottles, and Magazines. My design was a "life sized" Skate Board flying off of a ramp. Sculpture was approximately 2'x2'x2'.

### **Tools, Operating Systems and Platforms:**

Art Tools: Maya 7.0, Adobe Premiere CS3, Corel, JASC, PhotoShop CS3, Fraps, Adobe Fireworks CS3, Wings3D, SolidWorks, Soft Image, Adobe PhotoShop 7, JASC Animation Shop Pro, JASC Paint Shop Pro.

Audio Tools: Audacity, Soundbooth CS3, Fruity Loops Studio Producer Edition, ReFX Nexus, ReFX Vanguard, Z3ta+.

Web Tools: Joomla!, PHP-Nuke, Drupal, Encore CS3, Flash CS3, Dreamweaver CS3, FrontPage, IE, Firefox, Opera, Chrome, Konqueror.

Software Tool Environments: Blitz Basic, JavaScript, PHP, CSS, HTML, XHTML, XML, RSS, GML.

Operating Systems/Platforms: Windows (all), SUSE Linux 8.0, SUSE Linux 10.0, Fedora Core (Linux), Knoppix (Linux).