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Education

2007-2009	BA Visual Media majoring in 3D Design and ePhoto Journalism
2005-2006	Advanced Diploma in Civil Engineering (Incomplete)
2004	Graduated high school from Brisbane Adventist College

Profile

Currently I work during the day as a 3D and Digital Designer at Rapid Concept Designs (RCD – www.rapidconceptdesigns.com). During the evenings and nights I work as a freelance web designer for myself under the name 'leight' (www.leight.com.au). Since high school I have always enjoyed working with code and with websites, often redesigning my personal website over and over again. It was only until mid this year that I decided to start earning something with my love for coding and began freelancing through Elance (www.elance.com).

Over the past 6.5 years I've had the great pleasure and experience of working for both an international engineering firm, AECOM, and a small startup, RCD. In both these jobs my eye for detail has been regularly commented and trusted upon. An example at my initiative at work is my writing small tools for AutoCAD (VBA and VLISP) and Excel macros that assist in quality, standards in drafting and documentation.

I love anything to do with cricket, cycling, exercising, the country, capturing the world using my Holga cameras, road-tripping in my Kombi 'lily' and hanging with my mates. I have been doing StormCo (Service To Others Really Matters) projects the last two years assisting in running kids clubs and community service in remote towns.

Employment

AECOM 2005 - 2010	I worked at AECOM (formerly known as Maunsell Australia) as a civil draftsman since the end of high school and have worked on a few major projects around southern Queensland. These jobs include work on the Ipswich Motorway upgrade, Sunshine Motorway upgrade and four years on the Gateway Upgrade Project. My roles were initially as a cadet civil draftsman, but over the years assisted in CAD management responsibilities such as markups, coding tools and document control. At the end of 2006 I handed in my resignation with AECOM in order to pursue a BA in Industrial Design, however they requested that I stay on as a casual employee for the duration of my studies.
RCD 2010 - Current	I have been working at Rapid Concept Designs (RCD) since March 2010. It's a small startup company with three other employees. Roles and responsibilities include 3D modelling in Autodesk Inventor, cut file preparation, 3D modelling in 3Ds Max, workshop drawings and documentation, managing timesheets and invoicing and managing their website at www.rapidconceptdesigns.com .
leight 2011 - Current	I work as a freelance web designer and developer under the name 'leight'. I started doing commercial freelance in June this year. I have had two major projects to date. I have been working during the evenings and also on the weekend, putting in between 15 and 30 hours a week. I have been sourcing projects from Elance and have completed commercial work using PHP, Mootools, HTML, CSS, Ajax, MySQL, Wordpress and FileMaker.

Skills & Awards

Coding	HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Wordpress, Javascript, Ajax, Mootools, Filemaker
Programs	Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Dreamweaver, Autodesk 3Ds Max, Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk AutoCAD
Photography	Film and Digital
2005	Cadet Draftsman of the year in my first year as the main AECOM office in Brisbane, 2005.
2008	Tied for 2nd place in World Vision's 'Stop Child Labour' Art and Exhibition prize with my work 'The Puppet'.

Referees & Testimonials

Rod Bernard	Gateway Upgrade Project CAD Manager 0411 267 217
Mike Davis	Elance Client (http://www.elance.com/s/leight/job-history/) "Leighton has proven to be an extremely competent web developer with excellent communication skills and whose turnaround time was beyond belief. I could not recommend him to anyone any higher."