

CV

basic information:

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qualifications:

National Diploma in graphic design at the Cape Technikon (1990-1993).

print software skills:

Skilled in relevant print packages incl. Adobe Photoshop and Macromedia Freehand.
Experienced in the use of layout/dtp software QuarkExpress and Adobe Indesign.

print design experience:

Castle Graphics
dtp and reproduction
1995-1996

Club Music Direct
design and production of Music News magazine
1997-1998

Various freelance projects incl.
cd cover and posters for Springbok Nude Girls
posters and flyers for the Sleaze Syndicate

Stationary for Electric Ocean
redesign of Electric Ocean stationary incl.
business cards, compliments slip, letterhead and cover sheet
2000 - 2001

Various print projects for Generator Communications incl.
redesign of the Thinkspace interiors logo and stationary
design of the stationary and brochure for Cape Cow Carnival
print ads and t-shirt for Generator Communications
2000 - 2001

programming skills:

Skilled in HTML and CSS.

Basic skills in Flash actionscript.

software skills:

Skilled in relevant web software packages incl. Adobe Photoshop, Macromedia Freehand, Macromedia Flash and Macromedia Dreamweaver/Allaire Homesite.

web design experience:

Electric Ocean

senior designer

Completed websites incl.

<http://www.electric-ocean.co.za>

<http://www.waterfront.co.za>

<http://www.caltex.co.za>

<http://www.caltex.com>

<http://www.radiospoor.co.za>

April 1999 - September 2000

Generator Communications

senior designer

Completed websites incl.

<http://www.generator.co.za>

<http://www.waterfront.co.za>

<http://www.acuity.co.za>

<http://www.sony.co.za/vaio>

<http://www.fountainhead.co.za>

<http://www.lurie.co.za>

October 2000 - December 2001

Various freelance projects incl.

3D cyberhost for i-shop.com

flash presentation for the re-launch of CityLife magazine

redesign of fonezone site for Worldpop UK

art direction and design of Noodle Portal

corporate identity for eLunch Portal

Various private projects incl.

screensaver for wavescape.co.za

flash animation for truelife.co.za

Various freelance projects for The Forge Web Creations incl.

promotional website for theforge.co.za

art direction and design for Cape Town Opera

various other designs for tourism related websites

December 2001 - May 2002

Contract work for Type01 interactive incl.
online shopping section for landrover.co.za
various design projects for Type01 clients
June 2002 - July 2002

Arctic Circle
senior designer
Design, HTML and Flash for various projects.
<http://www.grandeprovence.co.za>
<http://www.roadtravel.co.za>
<http://www.elexoma.com>
<http://www.kaapagri.co.za>
CD Rom design for Ph@t for Africa
January 2005 - June 2006

SixmillionDollarMedia
senior designer
Design and Flash for various projects.
Achievements include winning accounts on Virgin Mobile, Woolworths and Pam Golding. Various other projects for YDE, Truworths, etc.
July 2006 - present

Go2Africa
head of design
Usability, design and planning on various projects.
Achievements at Go2Africa include redesigning the brand, being part of a team that relaunched the website and redesigning the Go2Africa client pack.
September 2006 - May 2008

Sploosh Digital
senior designer
Planning, design and HTML on various projects.
June 2008 - October 2008

other skills:

I am a skilled illustrator and have completed many illustration projects for clients Maskew Miller Longman.

I am an avid photographer. I have exhibited selected photographs at the Design Indaba 2006. My photos can be viewed online at http://www.flickr.com/photos/ruan_benade

travel experience:

I spent 8 months living and doing casual work in London, UK. Jan 1994 - September 1994

I spent 2 years in Taiwan teaching English, studying Mandarin and learning Chinese Martial Arts. I also travelled Southeast Asia incl. Taiwan to take photographs for future projects.

August 2002 - August 2004

I spent 3 weeks in Morocco on my honeymoon. In the time I completed a trek in the Atlas Mountains and I took extensive photography.

May 2006 - June 2006

I spent 3 weeks in Nepal during which time I completed a trek in the Annapurna Region. The trip was documented in photographs which was published as a 4 page spread in the Feb/March 2008 edition of Elle Decoration.

October 2007 - November 2007

other interests:

environmental issues

photography

martial arts

bodyboarding

the path to enlightenment