

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Skills Summary

General:        Broad knowledge of the major computer network paradigms and operating systems. Experienced at analysis, presentation, project planning and management. Good empathy skills with end users and ability to teach and document technical subjects in a layman's language. Broad experience facilitating a short learning curve for new technology.

Technical:       Linux and UNIX (Solaris), Mac OS X and Windows; MySQL and PostgreSQL. TCP/IP, Apache, DNS; streaming using Quick Time, Flash, Real and Icecast. Web development in Perl, PHP, JavaScript, JSON, AJAX, XHTML, CSS and XML.

Methodology:   Structured analysis and design, experienced at systems and requirements analysis and writing of functional and technical specification documents, project planning and technical resource management.

Languages:      English native speaker. Fluency in oral and written comprehension and good level of written Spanish. Good level of oral and written comprehension of Catalan and upper-intermediate level spoken and written.

## Education & Employment

2009-present    PEOPLE & PLANET LIMITED  
IT Manager (part-time)

2008-present    SELF-EMPLOYED  
Freelance IT Consultant/Analyst

2004-present    XTREAMLAB.NET LTD:  
Founder and Creative Director.

1996-2007       PSAND LIMITED:  
Founder, Managing Director and lead analyst/consultant.

1994-1996       JOHNSON FRY PROPERTY LIMITED:  
IT Manager.

1989-1993       UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND:  
Upper Second-class B.Sc. Hons. in Computing for Real-Time Systems.

## Selected Recent Projects

Project: TOSHIBA CONSUMER PRODUCTS WEBSITE  
Rôle: Analyst & Technical Lead  
Period: July-August 2008

Working for Mason-Zimble as technical analyst on this project, I used systems analysis techniques to evaluate Toshiba's existing portal site for their Consumer Products division in the UK. I took this assessment along with customer feedback and the client's requirements for the where they wished to take their brand in the future and produced a detailed technical specification that was then used for the implementation of their new site, which went on-line in late autumn 2008.

Project: BMW AND MINI UK DEALER ON-LINE NETWORK  
Rôle: Co-designer, developer, technical project manger  
Period: 1999 – 2008

I started on this project as one of the co-designers and lead developers of a tiered content management system that provides an administrable back-end to manage over 800 dealership websites for BMW and MINI in the UK. Over the years I have been responsible for the day-to-day analysis and specification of new functionality and improvements to existing functionality as well as the project management of the technical side, planning of resources and liaison with third-party suppliers. The project has proved a great success and recent analysis shows that 15% of all visits to the MINI sites lead to actual sales.

Project: ALFA ROMEO UK DEALER ON-LINE NETWORK  
Rôle: Technical project manager  
Period: 2006 - 2007

Based on the success of the BMW and MINI Dealer On-Line Network, I was involved in providing systems analysis and specification for a similar system for Alfa Romeo in the UK. As the project progressed I was focussed on day-to-day technical project management of the implementation and resources of both in-house and third-party developers. The network is new and growing but proving to be a great success amongst customers, dealerships and head office alike.

Project: HIPPO ORGANIC BABY CLUB  
Rôle: Technical lead  
Period: 2006 – 2007

I was responsible for building a team of web developers and designers and technically managed the project regularly holding technical design meetings to help steer the direction of the implementation. We delivered a web portal where new mums and mums-to-be are able to share their experiences with friends, family and peers as well as receive strategic targeted email marketing. The site currently has over 420,000 members.

Project: SKY ROCK COMMUNICATIONS (EMO)  
Rôle: Technical director  
Period: 2006 - 2007

During a transitional period in this company's operations I was responsible for defining and implementing technical policy as well as auditing and streamlining the existing on-line business where I was able to make significant improvements to service whilst at the same making cost savings. I was also jointly responsible for assessing new freelance staff and their applicability to work on future projects.

## **Personal**

In my spare time I enjoy writing and making music as well as reading, walking and other activities. Since learning two second languages, I have become more interested in languages in general and hope to apply myself to learn others in the future.

I have a general interest in computing, the Internet, information technology and advances in the fields of science and enjoy keeping up to date with the latest developments and their potential application as well as the possible good and harm that the so called Information Society presents to us.

I am a member of the management and technical steering committees at Bristol Wireless and work to act as a mentor for other members and promote this project that aims to bring low-cost computing to the masses through its innovative recycling projects as well as the promotion of a city-wide network to connect people and public spaces to share ideas.

I was also a co-founder and co-producer of Dorkbot Barcelona and then spent a year in the rôle of co-producer of Dorkbot Bristol. Through Dorkbot I have the opportunity to bring my creative artistic and technological skills and interests together. I am currently talking to people about starting a new Dorkbot project in Oxford.

Due to my level of fluency with Spanish and Catalan, I am often involved in translating or correcting translations between these languages; although largely to English, I have translated several articles from English into Spanish, and written articles in both Spanish and Catalan.

## **Referees**

References available upon request.