

James Shuster

Owner, Visionary Productions

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Summary

DVD, HD, Video and Film Production, Online video chief contributor to Livedigital (5th largest Social network (2006- 2007), Production Budgeting, Direction, Feature DVD Production, Script development.

Specialties

DVD Authoring, HTML, CSS Web development, Project Management, Script Development, Business Plans, Financials, Video encoding, Film budgeting, HD production, video editing and colorist, Sound engineering

Experience

Owner at Visionary Productions - Los Angeles

January 1989 - Present (19 years 10 months)

DVD Production and script development for feature films.

1 recommendation available upon request

Tech Writer at Oversee.net

May 2005 - January 2008 (2 years 9 months)

Project Manager and Scrum Master of 15 code developers in 4 teams for software updates revenue.net, domainsponsor.com, nameking.com, lowfares.com

Search Engine Optimization on web sites to improve ranking for Google and Yahoo

Quality Assurance for Web 2.0, AJAX, perl, MySQL sites

Domain Site Admin Registrar with 2.5M domains – Managed purchases and disputes

Chief video content contributor, encoder, editor for 5th largest video social network. Created business plan, FAQ, customer support, video tutorials, demo channels. Case study for livedigital.com at: tinyurl.com/6ou5hk

Manuals, FAQ and legal document, perl docs -Tech Writer

MySQL and Estimation teacher, PowerPoint presentations, Excel consultant

9 recommendations available upon request

Integration Consultant at Akamai Technologies

January 1999 - December 2000 (2 years)

Integration for clients using the Akamai Global Network which is a wide distributed network for rich media / images, video delivery via the Internet. - Also did freelance consulting for Computer Networks, security and graphics / video support prior to Akamai.

Computer Support - Dean of Education at MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology

October 1995 - March 1996 (6 months)

Support for Dean of Education office and staff for Mac and PC upgrades and solutions.

Computer Consultant at Sun Microsystems - Millenium Pharmaceuticals

January 1995 - November 1995 (11 months)

Support Windows Platform for Cambridge, MA office.

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Internet Admin at The CIA – Complete Internet Access

August 1994 - January 1995 (6 months)

Unix and end user support for Internet Hosting service.

Student Computer Support Center at Harvard Business School

September 1993 - May 1994 (9 months)

Computer networking and Internet access support for students at the student center. Created a comprehensive guide for course Internet access.

Computer IT support at Castle Rock Entertainment

July 1992 - June 1993 (1 year)

Support for Windows and Mac computers at the Beverly Hills office for Castle Rock Entertainment, feature film and TV production.

Fax Telex at MGM

1986 - 1990 (4 years)

Supervised one other Employee. Fax and Telex center manager for the entire studio.

Education

City University

BSc Music, Sound Eng. Composition, 1975 - 1978

Activities and Societies: Additional courses at Guildhall School Of Music, London - Performance and Composition and University of Surrey, Guildford - Sound Engineering

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11 people have recommended James

"James is a rare combination of valuable talents in the computer world: responsible, and insightful. He followed through on his obligations, while always contributing excellent suggestions on how to improve our processes, or noticing areas that others might have neglected. James is a pleasure to work with, and best of all, he is the master of documentation. All of these attributes, combined with his vast experience in a wide variety of fields, make James a valuable part of any team. I highly recommend James, and would gladly hire him should the opportunity arise."

— **Christopher Paulicka**, *Video Consultant, Scrum Master, Tech Writer, Registrar Admin, Oversee.net*, worked directly with James at Oversee.net

"James is an excellent guy to work with. I spent a year working with him in Cambridge, MA, where we both consulted for Sun on the Millenium Pharmaceuticals Genome project (supporting their network). He has a good engineering approach to solving problems, very thorough in his work and ensures that a job is driven to completion. A good person to have on your team."

— **Fintan Plower**, *Computer Consultant, Sun Microsystems - Millenium Pharmaceuticals*, worked directly with James at Sun Microsystems - Millenium Pharmaceuticals

"One of James best attributes is that you can mention an issue once and if he takes it on, you know it will get done and finished correctly. It's not a guessing game with James. If there is something blocking a project, he will give you a straight and honest report and then go about unblocking it. His professional consulting approach is refreshing and makes any project a lot easier."

— **Henri Duong, (henri@ipevo.net)**, *Video Consultant, Scrum Master, Tech Writer, Registrar Admin, Oversee.net*, worked with James at Oversee.net

"James has a vast knowledge of video technology, standards, and technical possess... He also is a talented writer with skills ranging from creative and screen-play to more technical and sci-fi. Highly intelligent, articulate optimistic and professional James would be a great fit to almost any group. Communication, concepting, and articulating complicated ideas are child's play for James. I very highly recommend him personally and professionally."

— **James Garland**, *Video Consultant, Scrum Master, Tech Writer, Registrar Admin, Oversee.net*, worked with James at Oversee.net

"James is a very highly detail-oriented technical writer. He is a pleasure to work with, very professional. His precision and his follow-up made his colleagues' jobs easier."

— **Scott Beber**, *Technical Writer, Overseer.net*, worked with James at Overseer.net

"James served as Scrum Master (project manager for an Agile software development methodology). He was always very organized and helpful, going far beyond the minimum with status summaries, progress graphs, etc. He continually sought out constructive criticism. I saw his dedication to do what is right, as we closed our LiveDigital site After the announcement of the closing, he worked tirelessly to help the site's members retrieve their data (at which time I was surprised to learn that he could write and debug perl scripts)."

— **Brian Lau**, *Technical Writer and Consultant, Overseer.net*, worked with James at Overseer.net

"I worked with James on several documentation and training projects. He is a great self-starter and was able to synthesize and deliver an excellent presentation on Software Estimate to a technical audience. I highly recommend his work."

— **Chris Welton**, *Technical Writer and Consultant, Overseer.net*, worked with James at Overseer.net

"James is self-motivated, organized and very responsive to allocate tasks and share ideas and recommendations. His ability to recognize and address obstacles were James' great contributions to the team. His experience in Film and TV production industry had added great values to our production team."

— **George Shemtov**, *Technical Writer and Consultant, Overseer.net*, worked directly with James at Overseer.net

"James prepared several technical documents for my group which were promptly on time and well written."

— **Veronica Vicente**, *Technical Writer and Consultant, Overseer.net*, worked with James at Overseer.net

"I worked with James at Overseer.net for over a year and a half. He is sharp and quick to respond with solutions and processes. James is a master of documenting complex processes and has an eye for seeing details and extremely good with numbers, checks and balances. He is also very personable, friendly and approachable always willing to extend a helpful hand for his colleagues. James is very competent and a good teacher to those who ask him questions about his areas of responsibility. I enjoyed working with James and the company that has him on their team will benefit greatly."

— **Matthew Domanski**, *Technical Writer and Consultant, Overseer.net*, worked with James at Overseer.net

"As owner and director of a translation and localization firm, James worked for us providing computer networking and technical support. James was always very personable, professional and a real get-the-job-done guy. I highly recommend James and his work to others. -Jason Wood
INTRANSOL.COM"

— **Jason Wood**, *Owner, Visionary Productions*, was James's client

Expertise

Web Development

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