

// Scott Sandlan

Senior Web Designer

Currently working in the Digital Media Dept of
Scottish & Universal Newspapers and Trinity Mirror

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Personal Statement

A Computer Science honors graduate with over 5 years professional experience in web design and development including freelance, commercial, educational and consultancy roles.

I am considered to be an approachable team leader with strong interpersonal skills. My technical background together with my creative design skills allow me to be versatile when working different projects and collaborating with other designers.

Awards & Honors

SNPA Local Advertising Awards

Best Cross-platform Solution 2007

PC World Chairman's Shield 1998

Rolls Royce Award for Technological Studies 1997

Portfolios & Blogs

Portfolio: www.scottsandlan.co.uk
Blog: www.scottsandlan.co.uk/news
LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/ssandlan
Tumbleblog: thehumbl.tumblr.com
Twitter: www.twitter.com/tenspot

Web Design Proficiencies

Design

Adobe Dreamweaver CS4
Adobe Photoshop CS4
Adobe Flash CS4
Adobe Illustrator CS4
Adobe Fireworks CS4
Adobe Captivate/Robodemo

Video

Final Cut Express
Adobe Premier CS4
After Effects CS4
Pinnacle Studio 9

Other

Microsoft Office
Sony Sound forge
Audacity

Development

XHTML
CSS
Search Engine Optimisation
Content Management Systems
(Joomla, Wordpress, Trinity Mirror CMS, PostNuke, Plone)
XML
PHP
Coldfusion
Actionscript
jQuery
AJAX
Sharepoint
Virtual Learning Environments
(Moodle, WebCT)
Rational Rose UML
Java
Video Conferencing

Employment History

Senior Web Designer // S&UN Digital // March 2008 - Present

- // Responsible for all digital creative work and leading S&UN's team of web designers
- // Lead the department's launch of 16 large newspaper websites
- // Involved in entire creative process with clients, from pitching, wireframes, design, developing usability through to implementation and testing, SEO and training
- // Lead the design process of all in-house and client digital media projects
- // Examples of website worked on include; Hamilton Advertiser, Perthshire Advertiser, Ayrshire Post, Find It in Scotland, Ayrshire Home Reports, icScotland, New Hopetoun Gardens, Lets Let Property and many more

Web Designer // S&UN Digital // March 2005 - March 2008

- // Develop nine national and regional lifestyle web sites under the icScotland brand
- // Involved in entire creative process with clients, from pitching, wire frames, design, developing usability through to implementation and testing, SEO and training.
- // In the Design team with the Daily Record for the launch of the Scotwheels web site (now Road Record)
- // Won award for Best Cross Platform Solution at the SNPA Local Advertising Awards for Find It

Educational Development Unit Technical Assistant // Bell College // January 2004 - March 2005

- // Design and develop College web sites
- // Develop online solutions to educational problems
- // Setup and maintain software and hardware of critical servers including college web server, staff websites, document repositories, staff Sharepoints, VLEs, and CMSs
- // Staff training and administration of the college Sharepoint, Moodle, Postnuke and WebCT platforms
- // Manage the college video-conferencing involved in the JANET video-conferencing network
- // Design and develop web sites for external clients as part of EDU's consultancy role

Service Team Member // PC World // April 1997 - January 2004

- // Part-time work in the Service Team
- // Main jobs were cashier, store banking giving technical advice and sales advice
- // Gained the Certificate of Retail Excellence in 1998.
- // Was a member of the Chairman's Shield winning team, for the best performing store in the Company of 1998. Attended "Customers for Life" training course in 1999

Education History

University of Strathclyde (1997 - 2002)

BSc (Hons) Computer Science **2:2**

Honours Project

Design and Development of a Collaborative Recommendation System

Professional Bodies

British Computer Society (2002 - 2005)

Duncanrig Secondary School (1991 - 1997)

CSYS Mathematics **C**

CSYS Computing Studies **D**

Highers Mathematics **B**

Higher Physics **B**

Higher Technological Studies **B** Rolls Royce award

Higher Computing Studies **C**

Higher English **C**

Interests

I have varied interests ranging from amateur photography and gaming to Thai Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts. I take part in five-a-side football each week and I formerly trained in Thai Boxing with a focus on fitness. Recreationally I am developing a social network and news web site for the mixed martial arts community.

I also have an interest in electronic music and clubbing and over the years I have worked on amateur Djing and music production.

References

Craig Brown // Head of Digital Media

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Bill Steven // Managing Director

Scottish & Universal Newspapers

Press Buildings, Hamilton, ML3 6AX

"Scott was my Senior Designer during the set up phase at S&UN Digital. It was vital that I recruited the very best people in senior positions to release me to do my best. There are few people you can confidently task and know it will be delivered and Scott is this very definition. A great designer, and leader of his team, he was a pleasure to work with and with whom I hope to again in the future."

Craig Brown

Linked In - February 4, 2009