

Michael Taft

DESIGNER

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EXPERIENCE

4+years Pro Graphic Design/ DTP – 11+years Amateur
4+years Pro Industrial Design – 8+years Amateur
3+years Pro 3D Modeling/CAD – 6+years Amateur

04/2009 – Present

Graphic Designer, marketing
Nomadic Display, Springfield, VA
Responsible for design of all graphic for the marketing department, including some web design, catalog publication, advertisements and branding. Occasionally I work prepress in the large format printing shop.

10/2006 – 04/2009

Designer / Founder
WhatWorks Design Group, Falls Church, VA
Complete design, design sketching, prototype development, and project management. Worked directly with clients, building repeat client relationships with The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, Frame Displays.com, and Annapolis Classic Watercraft among others.

05/2007 – 11/2008

Associate Project Designer
Dominion Virginia Power, Herndon, VA
Using CAD and GIS systems, provided and changed electrical service to customers. Worked directly with customers, managed as many as fifty projects at a time.

10/2005 – 3/2007

Industrial Designer / Exhibit Designer,
Peter D. Tasi & Associates, Annapolis, MD
Designed full exhibits, the graphic elements within, and supporting publications. Managed projects, worked directly with clients, including the Annapolis Maritime Museum and the Severna Park Railroad Museum.

EDUCATION

May 2005 - James Madison University
Bachelor's Degree of Science – in Art, cons. Industrial Design

Cum Laude Graduate; member of the Dean's List (six semesters) and President's List (one semester)

PORTFOLIO

Online Portfolio URL:
www.MichaelWtaft.com

References Available upon request

COMPUTER EXPERIENCE

Strong experience with both
PC and Mac platforms

CAD/3-D Modeling/ Animation
AutoCAD & AutoCAD LT
VectorWorks CAD
FormZ CAD
Lightwave 3D
3D Studio Max

Graphic Design/Multimedia
Adobe Illustrator CS4
Adobe Photoshop CS4
Adobe InDesign CS4
Adobe Acrobat Pro
Quark Xpress
Corel Draw
Corel PhotoPaint
Final Cut Pro
Adobe Premiere Pro

Office Applications
Microsoft Word
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Access
Microsoft PowerPoint

Web and Programming Languages
Macromedia DreamWeaver
Microsoft FrontPage
HTML
CSS
C#, C++