
Working experience

Freelance Graphic Designer

2002 – Present

<http://www.wataruwatanabe.net>
Ottawa, ON, Canada

Designing various graphics and websites for various clients. Main tasks were:

- Consult with clients to understand their needs and propose solutions.
- Produce concepts for review with clients and refinement.
- Produce graphics and websites for final delivery and launch.

Industrial Designer

May - August 2008

School of Industrial Design, Carleton University
Ottawa, ON, Canada

Principal designer for the graduate program studio, school hallways and website.

Roles were:

- Design concepts for review with the director and other stakeholders.
- Manage and direct other designers and students throughout the projects.
- Consult with technicians and other departments to validate designs.

Co-op Industrial Designer

September 2006 - August 2007

Cuisipro, Browne & Co.
Markham, ON, Canada

Junior level designer. Roles were:

- Supporting senior designers of the development of new kitchenware products from concept to manufacture.
- Producing 3D CAD models and technical drawings for manufacturing.
- Producing drawings and presentation materials for internal and client meetings.

Co-op Industrial Designer

May - August 2006

Teknion Furniture Systems
Toronto, ON, Canada

Junior level designer. Roles were:

- Supporting product development of a modular, interior glass wall system.
- Producing 3D CG renderings/visualizations of the wall system for presentation/sales purposes.
- Producing graphics and presentation materials for internal meetings.

Graphic Designer

May - August 2005

Geomatics & Cartographic Research Centre,
Carleton University
Ottawa, ON, Canada

Sole graphic designer on a multi-disciplinary team of geographers, technologists and human-factors specialists. Roles were:

- To design the interface of a interactive web atlases: Cybercartographic Atlas of Antarctica and Canada's Trade with the World.
 - Redesign of the GCRC website.
 - Support for graphics of other published materials.
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Education**Bachelor of Industrial Design**

September 2003 – April 2008

School of Industrial Design, Carleton University

Graduated with High Distinction (+80%) & Co-op Education designation.

<http://www.id.carleton.ca/>

Skills

- Sketching, photography, story boarding, layout, technical/manufacturing drawings.
 - Adobe Creative Suite 3 [Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Flash, Acrobat].
 - 3D CAD [Solidworks 2007, working knowledge of 3D Studio Max/Viz].
 - Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite [Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook] and OpenOffice.
 - Working knowledge of HTML, CSS, Flash ActionScript 3.
 - Proficient with both Mac and Windows platforms.
 - Native English, fluent oral and basic written Japanese. Experience with French.
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Achievements / Awards

Future Envy Award for final university thesis project at the Rocket Show, a design competition held by the Association of Chartered Industrial Designers of Ontario [ACIDO.info]

**Activities / Interests /
Affiliations**

Photography, interface design, interaction design, information design, CG illustration and art, 3D rendering/visualization.
Cycling, hiking, ultimate frisbee, exploring and travel.
Professional Member of the Industrial Design Society of America [IDSA.org].
