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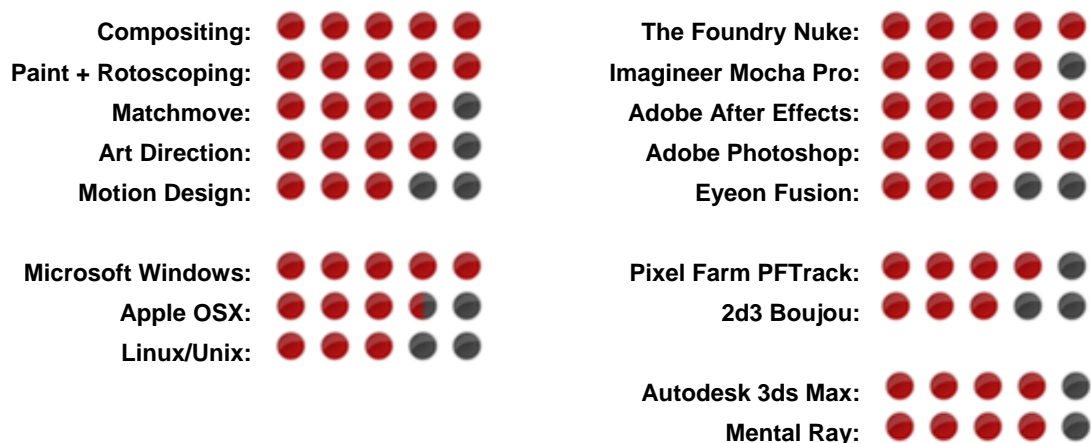
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Profile.

- Three years professional experience in visual effects.
- Specialisation in photorealistic compositing (live-action and CG integration).
- Excellent eye for colour, lighting and composition.
- Self-motivated, hard worker.
- Enthusiastic personality.
- Strong problem solving skills.
- Great team player.
- Attention to detail.

Skills & Software.



Relevant Experience.

July 2011 -
August 2011

Rising Sun Pictures **Roto & Paint**

- Feature film project. Employed various techniques to create accurate mattes for both rapidly moving organic and rigid objects. Paint work ranged from recreating lost motion blur, to removing unwanted shadows, to extending the frame of shots.

March 2011 -
June 2011

Animal Logic **Roto & Comp Support**

- Stereoscopic conversion for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2. Created high-accuracy, articulate mattes (roto+keying) for characters and objects in each shot. Also removed unwanted objects from shots. I worked closely with Compositing Supervisor (Aaron Barclay) to deal with assets coming into the building from external vfx vendors.
- Produced articulate mattes for Hyundai TVC.

July 2010 –
August 2010
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December 2010

Eye Candy Animation **Compositor, Lighter, Matchmover**

Brought on board to help hit a tough deadline on an in-flight entertainment package for QANTAS. Main duties included compositing CG renders into live-action plates and beautifying shots. Due to time restraints, I also took on matchmoving and 3D lighting work to help get the project across the line on time. Called back to complete a short motion graphics piece for a DVD for The Military Shop.

September 2008 -
January 2010

That's A Wrap Productions **"VFX Guru"**

Was the sole visual effects "go to guy" both starting and completing 95% of the shots. I worked efficiently to complete set tasks to ensure the material was ready for Comic-Con 2009. Shots ranged from keying out poorly-lit greenscreens to art directing and producing photorealistic visual effects. I also supervised a one-day visual effects shoot.

September 2007 -
February 2010

Freelance **VFX Supervisor, Particle Effects, Compositor, Tracker, Motion Designer**

Freelanced part-time whilst completing studies. Tackled complex visual effects shots for a number of international independent short and feature films. Filled a variety of roles from Motion Designer to VFX Supervisor, and was often leading teams of other artists. Clients included, but weren't limited to: ACT Department of Education, Navajo Joe Films, Chapter 4 Entertainment, Trico Films, JHM Productions, Mike Corrado.

April 2009 -
November 2010

AEtuts+ **Instructor**

Was a semi-regular contributor to *AEtuts+*, teaching the growing online community how to push the limits of Adobe After Effects. One of my video tutorials is based on an effect seen in *Terminator Salvation*. This attracted the attention of the person who created the effect in the film, who commended my professional techniques.

Education.

FXPHD **2009 - Present**

Currently in my fifth term at Fxphd. Courses I have taken range from compositing-based courses, to Visual Effects Animation. Complete course listings can be found [here](#).

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Nuke Course **December 2009**

Attended a 3-day full-time Nuke "Crash Course" at the Australian National University. It was aimed at professional compositors. This was taught by industry veteran, **Paul Kirwan**.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment **2008**

Attended an eighteen-week after-hours course on how to use Autodesk's 3ds Max. I quickly excelled, and was given personal, more advanced material.

Certification Gained: Certificate II in Screen

Lake Tuggeranong College **2008 / 2009**

Grade's 11 & 12 were completed at *Lake Tuggeranong College*. My majors were 3D Animation and Media.

Certification Gained: Grade 12 Certificate

Certification Gained: Certificate II in Media

Certification Gained: Certificate I in Information Technology