

About Me:

My current skillsets are experienced graphic designer, team leader, and process improvement specialist. Over the course of my career I've worked for a wide variety of clients and companies, ranging from locally owned printshops and bespoke design projects to large corporate employers. I am self-starting with regard to projects, committed to timelines, decisive and forward thinking, and can deliver clean and effective communications for any purpose.

My career has spanned a wide range of environments, from small print shops to the Fortune500. For the last 23 years I have been a senior designer and production artist for Abbott Diabetes Care. I thrive in environments where the pace is fast and adaptability is at a premium. I am unafraid of new things, and am constantly looking to learn and improve.

I started as a production artist and graphic designer, but over the years I have developed into a strong team leader who can use creativity, humor, and direct feedback to lead teams to optimal outcomes. Additionally, I am a master at presenting information in an accessible and engaging way, whether it be in an online meeting, or in front of a room full of people.

I always look to the big picture, taking in all the information available to me, and finding the path to results that matter.

My background is unusual, my career path is unconventional, and my outlook is optimistic. Whatever the job, whatever the team, I have something to offer.

Experience:

Abbott Diabetes Care || Senior Production Artist / Designer

2003 - 2004 contract, 2004 - Apr 30, 2026, FTE

As a senior designer / production artist at Abbott Diabetes Care, I handled a wide range of duties, from basic labelling to full product packaging development. This includes cartons, packouts, manuals, medical device labels, multi language inserts, digital documentation, and concepts for upcoming products. The department works under tight FDA-regulated conditions for accuracy and turnaround times were often fast paced and demanding.

Additionally, I formed and lead teams to complete specific tasks, oversaw and produced internal communications in conjunction with branding, public relations, and HR, and lead the team that published the quarterly QA news magazine.

I was heavily involved with process improvement initiatives. I redesigned our internal quality check process, created the process that brought our internal communications projects within our managed workflows, and was involved in reworking the redline process our coordinators and designers used to communicate changes and edits back and forth.

TechniPrint || Production Artist / Graphic Designer

2001- 2002

Typesetting, production art, and graphic design for a wide variety of clients. Work ran from designing simple one off products like newsletters, business cards, and letterheads, to full stationery suites, complete 4 color catalogs, books, packaging, and brochures. I worked closely with clients and management to develop graphic solutions to client needs.

Additional Experience:

Grand Central Networks || Interface Designer (2000- 2001) Interface production and design tasks for a large scale corporate site.

AltaVista || HTML Production (1999-2000) Wrote HTML for the AltaVista search and portal site. Specifically I wrote considerable portions of the entertainment channels and most of the News page.

Excite@Home || Graphics Production (1997 - 1999) Duties Included html, image editing, production art, graphic design, and q.a./troubleshooting.

GetSet Prepress || Prepress Production Manager, Designer (1995 - 1997) Duties included maintaining network, fixing imagesetters, designing one page ads for clients, scanning color and black and white images, preparing images and text for web, and managing company website, outputting and troubleshooting over longer projects including catalogs and illustration projects.

Design Skills:	Technical Skills:	Organizational Skills:
• Branding • Advanced layout and design • Copyediting and writing • Prepress and print troubleshooting • Deep knowledge of color across multiple formats	• Adobe Creative Suite • Using the Oxygen/DITA publishing platform • Powerpoint • Modern SharePoint • VeevaVault and Agile oc control and workflow platforms • Basic HTML	• Exceptional presentation and verbal communication skills • Meeting management • Forming and leading teams to develop events or specific projects • Interfacing with vendors to ensure satisfactory results • Comfortable using VeevaVault and Agile workflow and documentation control systems • Passionate about process improvement

Examples and references are available on my website at www.dmtalchemistry.com.