Alex Thomas

Production Director

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CAREER PROFILE

I've been in the digital space for 25 years, managing the production of websites, digital marketing, video games and software. My clients range from startups to Fortune 100 companies to established brands and rising sports teams.

With my leadership teams have produced B2B websites, consumer sites, ecommerce sites, integrated marketing campaigns, gained startup experience, product launches, rebranding, UI design, analytics analysis, content marketing. In addition, I've participated in SWOT analysis, strategy sessions and new business pitches. I have cast talent, managed photo shoots, motion capture, drone video, testing and quality assurance. I've managed large teams, remote teams, interactive departments and advertising agencies.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES

With sound decision-making and great interpersonal skills, I've maintained long-term client and partner relationships. I've performed team building, project scheduling, and budgets, managed contractors, provided account service, performed due diligence, managed production, provided website maintenance, SEO/SEM, Google Ad words, setting client expectations, managed difficult clients and salvaged failing projects.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Helped take DNA Cycling, a fledgling women's cycling team, to an elite level over the course of the last 10 years.
- Performed a marketing and identity audit of Vital Smarts, a leader in corporate HR training, with their 20 person marketing team. We helped them improve their internal marketing efforts and built a CMS to allow them to evolve their brand experience going forward.
- For Project Healthy Children we built a site as a presentation tool in order to increase grants from humanitarian organizations and educate the public.

- For Markosian Auto, a used car dealer franchise, we integrated their new inventory site with their legacy database system and implemented improved UI and AJAX live search.
- Helped a legacy CPG food producer increase awareness of its less popular products and support efforts to gain more shelf space in grocery stores, all while giving the company a modern appearance.
- Helped rebrand Compax, a plastics manufacturer, in order to attract new engineers, product buyers and younger partners. We designed a new logo, a new site, a new trade show booth, signage, etc.
- For Futura Industries, a large scale aluminum manufacturer, we increased web leads 400%, provided customer education and an ecommerce ready catalog of all of their parts.
- Launched Intel's first B2B worldwide initiative in its history.
- Designed and produced a video game for EAI that was published by Activision among other games for publishers like, Sierra and Hasbro.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Production Director - Attract Interact (05/2009 - present)

Attract Interact is a full service digital marketing agency built by senior level creatives and developers.

- Led production, managed vendors, interviewed talent, secured contractors, assessed software, renewed licenses, secured usage rights and ensured NDAs.
- Performed customer audits and deep dive strategy sessions.
- Set client expectations by outlining my team's development process, defining client dependencies and a calendar of milestones.
- Consulted for new business start-ups regarding development planning and likely pitfalls.
- Managed and presented new business pitches.
- Developed production estimates, budgets and timelines.

Digital Marketing Manager - CBRE (05/2003 - 06/2009)

CBRE is the largest commercial real estate company in the world.

- Team lead, project manager and due diligence specialist and generally very service oriented.
- Created and managed offline and online marketing tactics, reviewed analytics for insight, conducted database queries, published site edits, conducted email marketing, produced collateral pieces, ensured quality control.
- Member of and contributor to the "Private Client Group," at the bleeding edge of real estate digital marketing within this massive international corporation. Utilizing various digital tools to service clients and reach our desired customer base.

 Conduct research and market investigation. Responsible for information collection, verification and accuracy.

Director of Internet Development - Studeo (04/2001 - 05/2003)

Studeo is a traditional advertising agency with a strong interactive department.

- Built the agency's Interactive department, improving workflow, monetizing skill sets and improving morale.
- Agency's primary website architect, offering analysis, site and flow mapping, outlining functionality expectations.
- Led analysis of web trends and developed guidelines.
- Provided client service, led presentations, assisted with new business pitches.
- Managed integrated campaigns including email marketing, banner advertising and CD Roms.
- Developed an internal process that was highly organized and stressed attention to detail.

Senior Interactive Producer - EURO RSCG DSW Partners (02/1999 - 03/2001)

DSW was the premier interactive marketing agency in the world.

- Spearheaded Intel's first B2B web property the Intel e-Business
 Center. Although it was a content-heavy site with bi-weekly launches
 that needed EU localization and approval, my team reached our six
 month anniversary of manually managing a continually evolving site
 without a single error or missed deadline. For this I received
 commendations from high-ranking Intel officials.
- Managed interactive production schedules, created budgets, timelines, assembled project teams, interfaced with client contacts.
- Authored process documents.
- Developed my first skills in content strategy.
- Managed multiple vendors, negotiated contracts, ensured quality control, adherence to style guides, coordinated proofreading rounds, tested browser compatibility, utilized our in-house QA lab for testing, provided team motivation during crunch time.
- Coordinated worldwide launches of integrated media campaigns through collaboration with great attention to detail.

Lead Game Designer - Engineering Animation Inc. (05/1996 - 02/1999)

EAI was a gaming company who produced video games for PC and gaming consoles.

- Served as lead game designer while managing production of PC and console video game titles.
- Created and pitched an original game concept to leaders in the industry.
- Created team, outlined asset needs, cast talent, scripted sequences, choreographed motion capture.

 Presented game demo for "Legend of the Five Rings" on the floor of the 1998 E3 in Atlanta, Georgia. Wrote game previews for game magazines.

EDUCATION

BS in Economics - University of Utah - *Salt Lake City, UT* 09/1991 - 07/1997