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Professional Summary

Results-driven IT professional with over 15 years of experience in software development, systems administration, and program management. Skilled in designing, developing, and optimizing business applications across industries. Proven ability to streamline processes, integrate emerging technologies, and deliver reliable solutions in high-demand environments.

Artist & Creative Leader Statement

Visionary artist, cultural entrepreneur, and nonprofit founder whose mission is to **spread love through art**. Experienced in building arts institutions, managing creative production companies, and designing community spaces that merge technology with artistic expression. Adept at painting, multimedia production, and arts education. Recognized for leading initiatives that transform communities through the power of creativity.

Core Skills

- Programming & Development: C#, Java, Python, SQL, JavaScript
 - Systems & Tools: Blackberry Enterprise Server, Git, AWS, Microsoft Suite, Database Management
 - Project & Program Management: Agile/Scrum, Branding Engineering, Process Optimization
 - Creative & Strategic Leadership: Arts Program Development, Nonprofit Management, Business Ownership
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Professional Experience

Chief Operating Officer & Principal Owner

The Art Center of Englewood – Chicago, IL | 2024–Present

- Direct operations of a community-focused art center, integrating technology and the arts.
- Established partnerships and secured press coverage to elevate the center's regional presence.
- Oversee financial planning, digital strategy, and community engagement initiatives.

Director of Artistic Creation & Founder

Real Academy and Fine Arts – Birmingham, AL | 2021–Present

- Founded nonprofit academy with state-of-the-art music and film studios.
- Designed programs blending art, technology, and education for community enrichment.

Owner & Principal Artist

ARBFineArt – Birmingham, AL | 2019–Present

- Created art business with a mission to “spread love through art.”
- Developed online presence and sales channels, integrating e-commerce solutions.

Software Analyst/Developer

South Eastern Data Cooperative (now Meridian) – Atlanta, GA | 2016–2019

- Developed and maintained applications for rural utilities clients.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to improve billing and customer service platforms.

Owner & Lead Consultant

Brown Consulting and Solutions Services, LLC – Birmingham, AL | 2015–2020

- Assisted clients in streamlining internal billing processes to maximize operational efficiency.

- Led consulting projects in technology integration and workflow automation.

Program Manager & Branding Engineer

United Research Services – Birmingham, AL | 2012–2014

- Oversaw program development and corporate branding initiatives.
- Implemented IT solutions to support business growth and client services.

Owner/Producer

Breathe Life Productions, LLC – Birmingham, AL | 2010–2013

- Launched full-service music and video production company.
- Delivered multimedia content integrating creative vision with technical execution.

Billing Administrator / Blackberry Server Admin

WMSLW, LLP – Birmingham, AL | 2008–2011

- Administered enterprise Blackberry server and supported IT operations.
- Managed billing systems and financial reporting processes.

Programmer/Analyst

Dillard's, Inc. – Little Rock, AR | 2007–2008

- Developed applications to support retail operations.
- Conducted testing, debugging, and system analysis.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Systems

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Additional coursework (109 credit hours) at Delta State University

Honors & Leadership

- *Who's Who Among College Students* – Delta State University
 - Co-Captain, Delta State University Football – Led team to 2nd GSC Championship, 1st Southern Regional Championship, and 1st NCAA Div. II National Title (14–1 record)
 - 1st Team All-GSC, 3rd Team All-American (Don Hansen's Football Gazette)
 - Professional Football Player, Saskatchewan Roughriders, Canadian Football League (2001–2004)
 - Award Winning Artist (Best of Show: The Healing Academy's 4th Art Auction and Gala - DREVLUTION)
 - Published Artist (Ase Cultural Center's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Publication and Auction)
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Community & Media Presence

- Featured in multiple online articles and press releases highlighting The Art Center of Englewood (www.aceincchi.com)
 - Recognized for integrating **technology, leadership, and the arts** to empower communities
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