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Kristin Firth

Programmer - Designer - Problem Solver
Improvised Theater - Performer - Teacher
Creative - Passionate - Quirky

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Experience

IBM, Lotus Expeditor since 2008

Software engineer – Areas: Security, Composite Application Editor, Serviceability

Java programming for Eclipse-based products. Design, implementation, documentation, training, support. Team lead / scrum master role.

Institution Theater and Hideout Theater since 2009

Improv Teacher and TA

Currently the main instructor for all eight-week level 101 classes at the Institution Theater. Shaping curriculum, teaching 2.5 hour classes, directing student shows, providing group and individual feedback. Teaching skills such as self-expression, spontaneity, risk-taking, and being playful.

IBM, Software Services for Lotus 2006-2008

Advisory I/T Specialist –IBM Lotus Domino/Notes/Sametime

On-site customer consultant within US/Canada. Developing new content, customizing and configuring products, supporting pilots and migrations, providing ongoing support.

IBM, Pervasive Computing 2003-2006

Software engineer

Research/emerging team becoming productized. Worked on first versions of UI tools for writing and testing mobile device applications.

Upright Citizens Brigade Theater, People's Improv Theater 2005-2006

Office intern, theater intern, theater manager

Various tasks for improv theaters in NYC. Answering phones, data processing, marketing, product mailings, customer sales, stage management, assisting performers, leading interns, budgeting, etc.

IBM, Extreme Blue 2002

Technical intern

IBM's "elite" internship program, working on short-term high-impact projects, combining technical and business students on small teams with mentors.

Acadia University 2000-2002

Teaching Assistant – Subjects: Java Programming, Automata/Formal Languages

Grading, student assistance, teaching. Helped create new lab curriculum. Taught standard and advanced sections. TA for junior-level honors course during my own junior year.

Opticom Inc. 2000, 2001 (summers)

Programming intern

Java programming. During second summer was also a project leader for a team to create unit tests for entire Java code base.

Education

Acadia University

1999-2003

Bachelor of Computer Science

3.95 Computer Science GPA, 3.78 Overall GPA.

Awards: Kirton Scholarship, Halifax Women's Network Bursary, Core Networks Computer Science Scholarship, Chipman Scholarship, Acadia Advantage Bursary.

Student representative, Industry Advisory Board and Faculty Selection Committee.

President, Computer Science Society.

ACM Programming Competitions. Only female in north-eastern regionals for two years in a row.

University of Texas

2002-2005

Non-degree. Undegraduate, graduate, and university extension.

Beginning Piano, Computer Architecture, Logic, Rhetoric and Composition, Artificial Intelligence

Harvard, University Extension

2007

Non-degree

Principles of Finance

U.C.B.T., William Esper Studios, etc.

2005-2010

Improvisation and acting training

From multiple schools in New York and Austin. Full details available on [improv resume](#).

Skills

Programming Language/Frameworks

Java. Eclipse. XML. JUnit. HTML/CSS

Tools/Utilities

Microsoft Excel. Microsoft PowerPoint. VMWare. Cygwin. CVS. ClearCase. Bugzilla. Ant. Lotus Notes/Domino. Lotus Sametime. Lotus Expeditor.

Development Methodologies

Iterative development. Agile development. Extreme programming.

Misc.

Planning. Design. Technical documentation. Leadership experience. Teaching. Customer support.

Other Interests

Board Games. Game Design. Cooking and baking. Travel. Karaoke.