# **Technical Writer / Software Documentation / Reverse Engineer**

Documentation \* Software Training Guides \* Standard Operating Procedures \* Interview subject matter experts. Typography \* Layout \* Building Web Sites \* WordPress

Excellent Troubleshooter \* Testing Websites & Apps \* Testing Systems \* Bug Reports

Reverse Engineering \* Legacy Systems \* Technical Support

System Analysis \* System Requirements \* Full SDLC \* Software Design \* Software Engineering

Software Maintenance \* Software & Hardware Evaluation

Research & Development \* Researching Technology

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT/DEVELOPER

1/2000 - Present

MAJOR PROJECTS:

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, DEEPSCIENCE @ FAU, JUPITER, FL (2020)

(System Analyst, Python Programmer & Documentation Specialist)

TECHNICAL WRITER, SOFTWARE QA TEST ENGINEER, NOBLE HOUSE DEERFIELD BEACH, FL (2019) Created and updated a software Walk-Through Guide that was presented at trade shows, resulting in the company's first trade show sale.

TECHNICAL WRITER, SOFTWARE QA TEST ENGINEER, GIFT OF LIFE BOCA RATON, FL (2018) Initiated review of the physical inventory process to accurately and comprehensively understand as well as document the system requirements, test plans and validations.

REMOTE SOFTWARE QA TEST ENGINEER, TESTBIRDS, MUNICH, GERMANY

(WEB AND APP TESTING)

(2016 - 2018)

TECHNICAL WRITER, NJ TECH WEEKLY CALDWELL, NJ (2015 – 2018)

Review and evaluate new products. Interview CEOs and SMEs of new tech companies.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE Paterson, NJ (2000)

#### ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

NETWORK ENGINEER, NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER, 2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL SUPPORT, GRAPHNET Teaneck, NJ Dramatically, increased customer satisfication by gaining in-depth knowledge of the system through reverse engineering all systems, documenting them and training other technicians.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE (PHONE SUPPORT), IDT Hackensack, NI

MANAGER ACADEMIC COMPUTING, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY Madison, NI

Initiated and developed network and web page design seminars that reduced technical support queries and increased customer satisfacation as well as productivity.

SENIOR LAB TECHNICIAN/LAN MANAGER, TOURO COLLEGE NYC, N.Y.

EDITOR AND COLUMNIST, TOURO ACADEMIC COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES, TOURO COLLEGE NYC, N.Y.

Created an exemplary technology review magazine that increased usage and user acceptance of technology as well as greatly increased the visibility and credibility of the Academic Computing Department.

LAN MANAGER CONSULTANT, PENN COMPUTERS NYC, N.Y.

With out-of-the-box analysis and proper review, resolved a long standing connectivity issue that other technical support technicians could not resolve.

MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT, G.D.A. COMPUTER CONCEPTS Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dramatically, increased customer satisfication by gaining in-depth knowledge of the system through reverse engineering all systems, documenting them and training other technicians. Also, designed and taught training seminars.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGER/TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, Jardinay Co. N.Y.C., N.Y.

For the first time in company history, made inventory bank certifiable by removing the flaws in the independent auditors procedures as well as imposing an organized, carefully documented process.

Persuaded management to upgrade from a Quantel mini to AS/400 which signficantly improved processing and the workflow.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Masters of Science, Computer Science, 1999

Touro College, Bachelors of Science, Computer Science, 1992

Cryptography I, Offered by Stanford, Provided by Coursera, 2014

Microsoft Trained Professional [MTP], E-Tek Training, Certified Microsoft Training, June 2015

Audited Coursera Courses: BOOTSTRAP - RESPONSIVE WEB DESIGN

#### **TECHNICAL WRITING:**

User Manuals Training Guides Cheat Sheets Product Evangelicism
System Requirements Test Plans Validation Plans Validation Summaries

Product Evaluations Test Reports Bug Reports Standard Operating Procedures

#### **SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

Manual **Black Box Grey Box** White Box **Exploratory Functional** Integration System System Acceptance Alpha Beta Performance (Speed) UI Secuirty **Portability** 

Test Plans Test Cases Test Scenarios

#### **OPERATING SYSTEMS, LANGUAGES & PACKAGES:**

HTML/HTML5 Word WordPerfect Unix C CSS3 Excel **PageMaker** Solaris 9 OE x86 **Python Javascript** Access LaTex Windows SQL **PowerPoint** Photoshop Ubuntu WordPress jQuery Quickbooks Amazon: S3 / Lightsail / Route 53 **Bootstrap** Visio

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#### **NETWORK EXPERIENCE:**

Technical Writing User Instruction Documentation User Orientation Internet Connectivity System Analysis Virus protection Virus repair

#### **DATABASE EXPERIENCE:**

Database design Report Generation File Conversions Reverse Data Engineering

SSMS JIRA Logical Files Import/Export Files

Join Views Scripts Batches

Stored Procedures

#### **VOLUNTEER:**

CoronaTracker, Design, App Testing & Translations Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Volunteer, Dept. of Neuroscience, Matlab programming

Area Agency on the Aging, Volunteer, Software Testing, User Documentation

#### OTHER:

Member GIMPS (Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search)
Handled accounts such as JCPenny, Sears, Montgomery Ward

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### PUBLICATION LIST

### **TECHNICAL MAGAZINES**

Touro Academic Computing Technologies (T.A.C.T.), 1992-1995, Editor & Columnist NJ Tech Weekly, www.NJTechWeekly.com, 2016-2018

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Project M1-308C, <u>ESL Courseware Development, Recreating the Revolution</u>. Proceedings of the Annual National Educational Computing Conference (15th, Boston, Massachusetts, June 13-15, 1994); National Educational Computing Conference, pgs 14-16, ISBN 1-56484-068-9

AFIS Data Compression, ACM SIGGRAPH, Computer Graphics Quarterly, Volume 41, Number 4, November 2007

AFIS data compression: an example of how domain specific compression algorithms can produce very high compression ratios; ACM SIGSOFT, Software Engineering Notes, Volume 32, ISSUE 6, NOVEMBER 2007, ARTICLE No.8, ISSN 0163-5948

Genetic Database Optimization: How Data Inspection and Consideration, Provides For Index Compression and Record Access Optimization of Genetic Databases, In Proceedings of the SIGMIS conference on Computer Personnel Research, (SIGMIS-CPR 2006) (April 13-15, 2006, Claremont, CA). ACM Press, New York, NY, 2000; Copyright 2006 ACM 1-59593-349-2/06/0004.

How data inspection and consideration, provides for index compression and record access optimization of genetic databases, ACM SIGSOFT, Software Engineering Notes, Volume 31 Issue 1, January 2006, ACM Press

Linked in Profile: www.LinkedIn.com/in/givon-zirkind Many self-published articles.

Github repository: <a href="https://www.github.com/givonz">www.github.com/givonz</a>

https://github.com/givonz/TechWritingSamples https://github.com/givonz/seleniumSample