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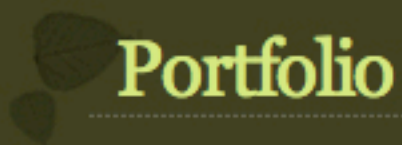
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Portfolio

Senior Thesis Project - Half-Life: Havoc

www.hlhmod.com

Half-Life Havoc is a physics mod for Half-Life 2, whene the user can play various physics games with accompanying audio commentary to explain how the games function. Joint project with Jacob Karsemeyer

Another Sunny Day

Cole MacDonald

About Cole

I'm currently a fourth year student of Communication Studies and Multimedia at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

A few things that interest me include piano, the internet, video games, soundtracks, multimedia, film, writing, interactivity, composing music and hockey.

Included on this website is a portfolio of my work as well as my curriculum vitae. I encourage you to leave me some feedback, be it postive, negative or otherwise. My contact information can be found at the top of the right column on this page.

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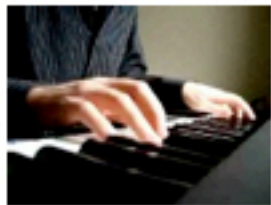
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Music

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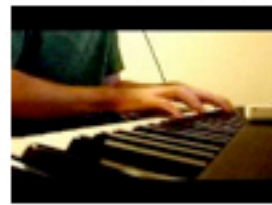
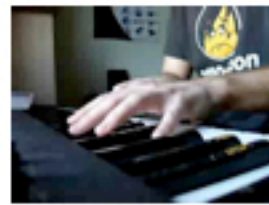**Song of the Waterfall**   **Etude in D Minor**   **Something There**   **Can You Feel the Love Tonight?**

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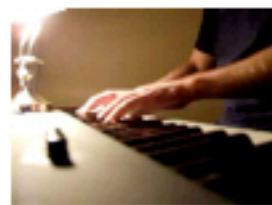
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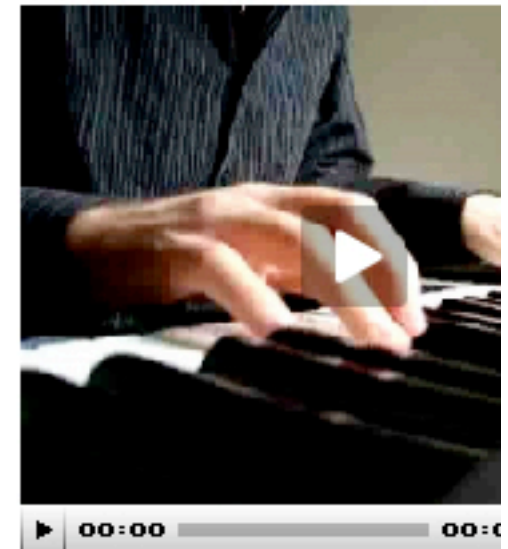McMaster University
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Nicole Benz

ABOUT ME

Welcome to my Interactive Portfolio

I'm currently a fourth year student at McMaster University, majoring in Multimedia and Japanese Studies. Before attending McMaster University, I graduated from Niagara college with a diploma in graphic design production.

During my third year of study at McMaster, I participated in the McMaster study abroad program to Fukuoka Japan. It was an incredible experience, and I hope to one day return to Japan.

Upon graduation I hope to pursue a career in graphic design.

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Multimedia

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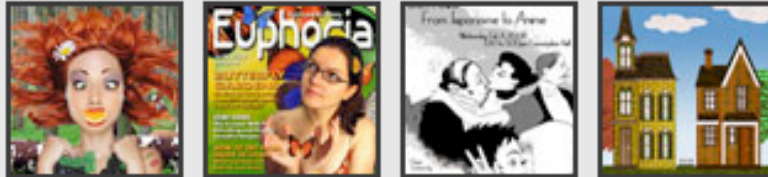
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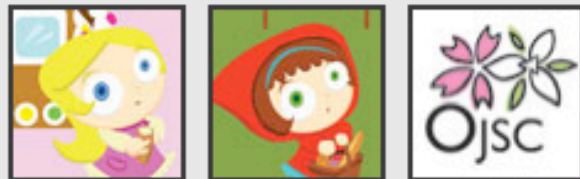
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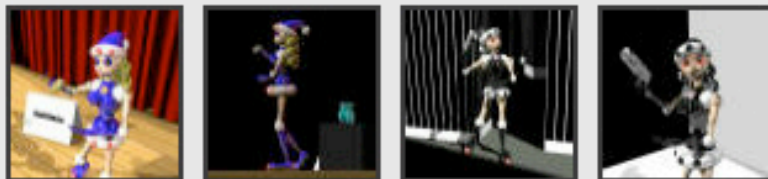
ANIMATION & VIDEO

Another Sunny Day
A McMaster University Multimedia thesis project.

Outline

- MM4A The Context of our Portfolio Project
- Assessing the Portfolio
- Multimedia Competencies
- Big Picture

MM4A How it works

- MM4A Management of Multimedia
  - Professionalization
  - Preparation for Thesis Project
- Submission
  - 1. E-mail introducing self to me
    - A single web page CV
  - 2. Developed design and add portfolio
- Guidelines
  - Off-campus domain
  - Authentic self-representation

Purposes

- Skills audit
- Career preparation
  - Reverse engineering the career
  - From reading a job ad to presentation
- Reinforcing web skills
  - Basic HTML
  - Design

Assessment

- Compare to self-representation in e-mail
  - Does it present appropriately?
- Chance for skills audit
  - Are there gaps? How does it compare?
- Gathering and Reflection
- Making the Transition

Competencies

			HTML	Graphics	Interactive CD	DV and Audio	Hardware + Netwrk	Scripting		
									Core Technical Competencies →	
Core Courses										
1st Year										
	1A03	Intro Hum Com	1	1			1		Intro Hum Com	
	1B03	Digital Image	1	1/2					Digital Image	
	1C03	Writing E.Age	1						Writing E.Age	
2nd Year										
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	2J03	Rhetoric + Comm							Rhetoric + Comm	
	3D03	Technical Writng							Technical Writng	
	3E03	Hypertext Thry							Hypertext Thry	
	2E03	Com Graphics		3					Com Graphics	
	2F03	Hist Graph Desgn		3					Hist Graph Desgn	
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	3F03	Hum Com Interfce		3	3	3			Hum Com Interfce	
	4D03	VR + Dsgn Space		3	3			3?	VR + Dsgn Space	
	2G03	Intro MIDI				3	3		Intro MIDI	
	3C03	Advanced C.Music				3	3		Advanced C.Music	
	4C03	Comm + Education	3		3	3		3	Comm + Education	

Competencies

- Used to audit the curriculum
- Used to negotiate distribution of skills training
- Students involved
  - We talk about competencies
  - We show them different industry documents
  - We ask them to reflect on their preparation
  - We provoke them to take control

Its Not New

- Wisconsin Feasibility Study 2002
  - http://academictech.doit.wisc.edu/resources/products/eportes.htm

- Dalhousie My.ePortfolio
 - http://channelcontent.dal.ca/portfolio/over_01.html

Why
- 19 - reflection
- 13 - student evaluation and grading
- 8 - career planning
- 4 - program evaluation
- 2 - faculty evaluation and tenure
- 2 - advising
- 1- integration of curriculum

Best Practices
- Start small
- Flexible
- Agreement on purpose
- Training

Open Source ePortfolio

- Part of Sakai project
  - http://www.osportfolio.org
  - Overhead of Sakai
  - Integration
- Other OS projects
  - http://electronicportfolios.org/blog/
    2007/10/open-source-eportfolio-
    systems.html
  - MyStuff (Open University)
    - Built on Moodle
    - Coming soon
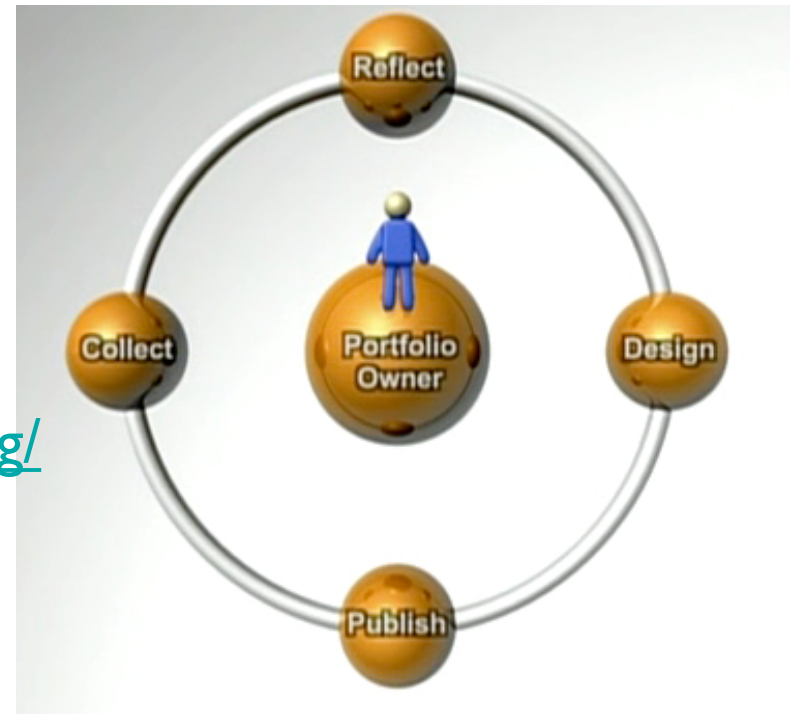
Doing It Again

- **Weave** into curriculum
  - Issue of location and design
  - Faculty consensus

- Develop 360 Degree
  - From competency to demonstration

Self

Community   Student   Peers

Instructor
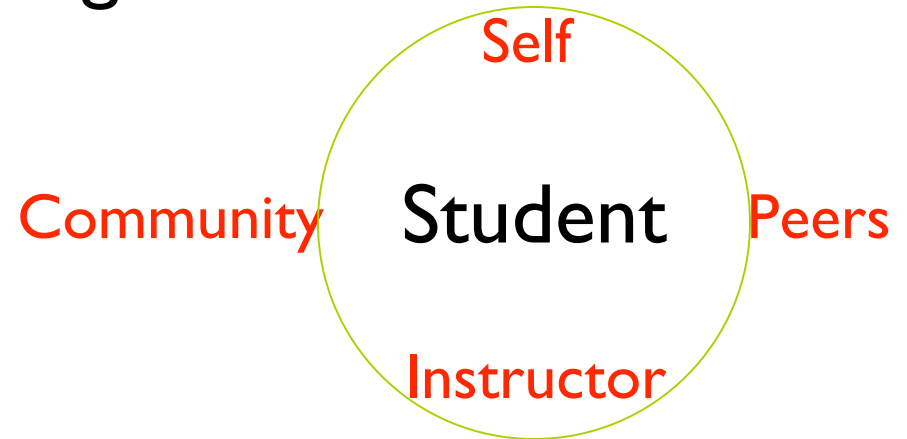
Values > Competencies > Demonstration Assessment > Curriculum