

## Professional Background

### SUMMARY

As an IT consultant and technical engineer since 1985, I have dealt with many aspects of communication and computer technology. This has included working with the internals of system software and computer hardware, networking and the Internet, Database management and programming, Web design, hosting and programming.

As a Publisher, I have developed since 1997 my skills in Marketing and Public Relations and have implemented national media campaigns (Radio, TV and Printed Press) in the USA, including a national USA book tour in 2001.

I am used to define and work with specific budgets, deal with the best and most financially reliable external contractors, and always keep detailed accounting with tax-ready periodic financial reports. My strongest skills are: autodidact, perfectionist and problem solver. I like to think that, in life, "there are no problems; only solutions."

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2009-Current    Volunteer – association WWOOF – in organic farms in South America. Research in Permaculture. Development of *Learning Now v1*.
- 2006-2009     Founder and manager of [FreeEducationCenter.com](http://FreeEducationCenter.com) and [EndangeredLanguagesLibrary.org](http://EndangeredLanguagesLibrary.org). Development of *Learning Now v1* web educational software. Research and familiarization with Linux systems, php and mySQL.
- 2002-2004     Developer in late 2002 of a series of free computer classes on Windows, the Internet and MS Word 2000: the "*Learn at Your Own Pace*" self-taught series mentioned in Jamaican press and made available for free in Jamaica. Software developer in association with the JSDN, Kingston and the UNESCO - from September 2004 to May 2006 - for the creation of a new educational tool and a Jamaican Adult Literacy Course.
- 1997-2002     Founder and President of Petrene Soames Corporation and FleetStreet Publications, USA. My obligations covered all aspects of Book Publishing, Marketing and Public Relations; Book Editing; Publicity; Web designing and hosting; E-Commerce; Perl and JavaScript Programming; Database management and development; Audio and Video editing and publishing. Accounting and Payroll.
- 1993-1997     Self-Employed: MIS and IT Consultant - Long-term contracts with WRT Corp. and John Gandy Corp. Design, installation and support of Ethernet networks for PC and Macintosh. Database development for oil production management and contact management. Hardware troubleshooting. Full Software Support (word processing, spreadsheet and database) and Training for NetWare, Windows, Macintosh, including Microsoft Office Professional.
- 1992-1993     System Engineer at Williams Computer Center, Spring (TX). Technical support. Training; Desktop Publishing; Design, installation and support of Ethernet networks. FileMaker Developer. Training from Farallon and Asante.
- 1991-1992     Sales Assistant at CompuTize, Houston (TX). Self-Trained Macintosh and PC Specialist in hardware and software. Technical support, Training, Desktop Publishing; LocalTalk and Ethernet networks.

- 1985-1987 First contact with computers: Apple 2E, IBM Compatible 286 and 386. Developed form letters, templates, and contact manager with AppleWorks for the CODODIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, USA).
- 1980-1991 Teacher in High Schools and Universities in Mexico and United States.  
University Studies: Graduate School – Master Degree in Literature. Thesis typed and produced on Macintosh Plus and Image Writers.

### **TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

#### Operating Systems:

MS Dos, Microsoft Windows (all versions), Macintosh, and Linux (Gnome and KDE).

#### Database and Programming Languages:

Adobe ActionScript, Perl, PHP, MySQL, JavaScript, HTML, FileMaker Pro, FoxPro.

#### Other Software:

Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite CS5 (Flash, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Audition, Captivate) and many other software packages, ranging from basic word processing to sound or movie editing, backup systems, system maintenance, CD and DVD editing, file transfer, web publishing, etc...

### **BROADCASTING EXPERIENCE**

Radio Producer from 1982 to 1983 on Radio Sonora (Universidad de Hermosillo - Mexico) and from 1983-1985 on Radio Cultural de Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico.

### **LANGUAGES (Speaks, Reads and Writes)**

English - French – Spanish - Portuguese.

### **EDUCATION: UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

- 1985-1990 University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA. Master Degree in Literature.  
Basic Education and University Studies (DEUG and License) in France up to 1980.