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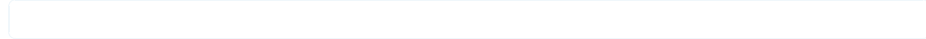
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9 Dynamic Digital Resumes That Stand Out From the Crowd



2 days ago by **Sharlyn Lauby**

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Everyone is looking for a way to make their resume stand out in today's job market. One way to do that is by giving your resume some visual appeal. Well-designed resumes with color and images can attract attention over those with plain old text.

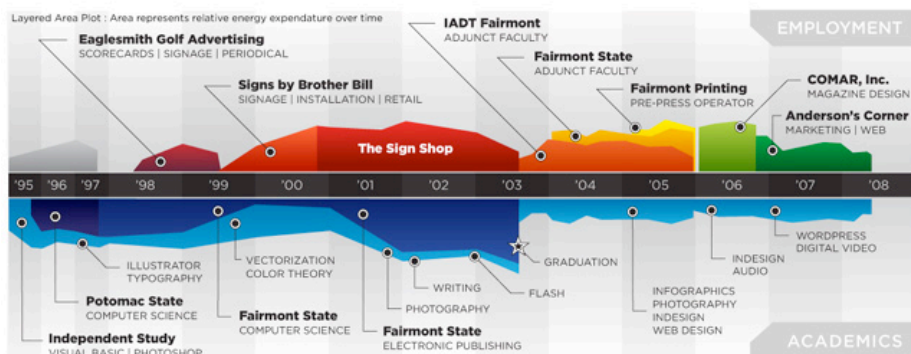


That's not to say everyone should add pictures to their resume. A graphical layout might not be for everyone, nor appropriate for every profession and industry. And if you don't have an artist's eye (or a favor to call in to a graphic designer), attempting something like this might not work out to your advantage.

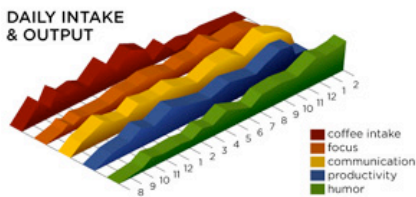
But if you know what you're doing, and need a little inspiration, here are 10 digital resumes with some very cool visuals.

1. Give the Reader Your History

A key element of a resume is your professional background — where you started, where you are now, and the places in between. Resumes with maps or infographics provide the same chronology of information, but with a bit more flair.



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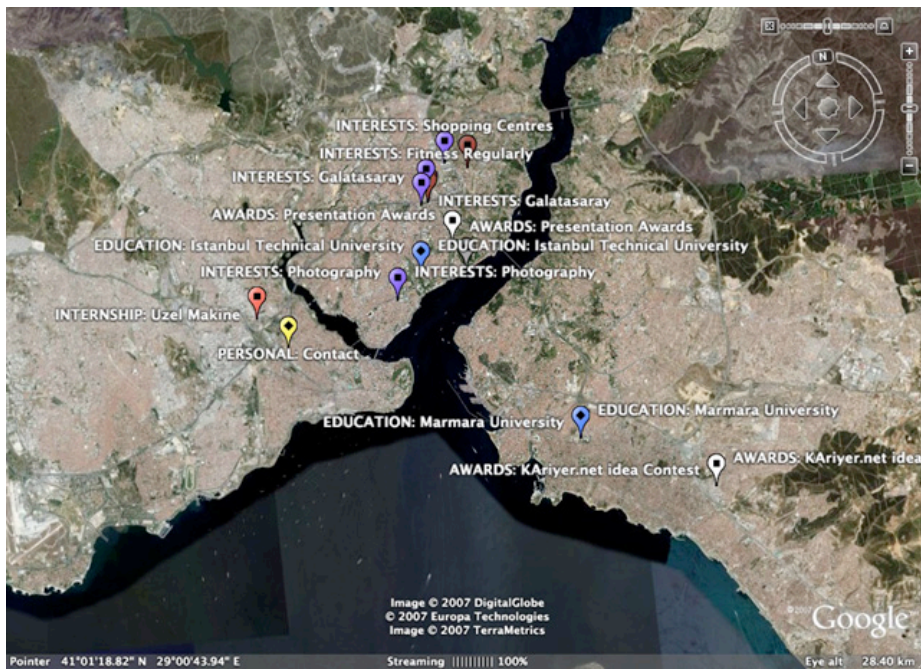
PRIMARY SKILL SETS



- a. Digital Photography, *Photoshop*
- b. Layout, *InDesign*, Typography
- c. *Illustrator*, Vectorization, Signs
- d. *Flash*, Animation, Scripting
- e. Web Design, Wordpress, CSS
- f. Copywriting, Editing, Research

Pie slice = represents % personal time investment.
Height indicates approx. professional deployment.

Michael Anderson's infographic resume turns his employment and academic history into a colorful visual journey.

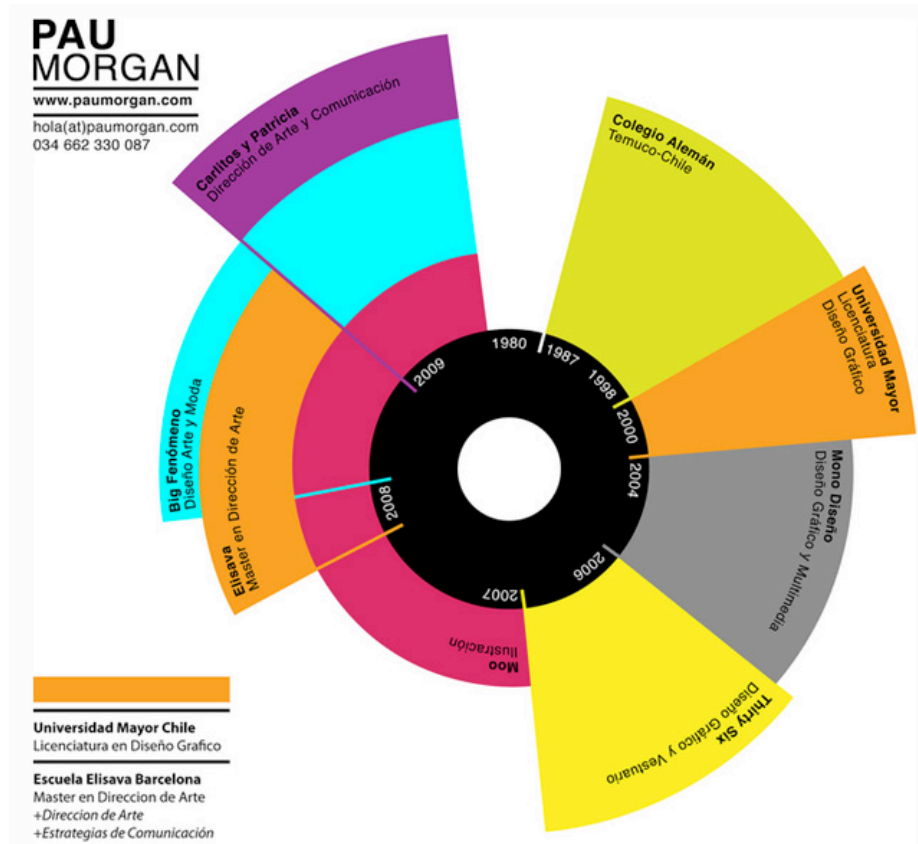


Ozgur Alaz thought to plot his job history on Google Earth rather than on a list of text bullets.

2. Aesthetics Matter

In traditional resumes, the formatting and layout are important. Readers gravitate toward resumes with eye-pleasing fonts and structure. They also lean toward resumes with ample white space throughout the document. Resumes that visually feel like they will take a long time to read usually get put aside.

These graphical examples use design compel the reader to explore it now, rather than later.



Pau Morgan turned her CV into a clean, modern chart that is engaging, yet easy on the eyes.



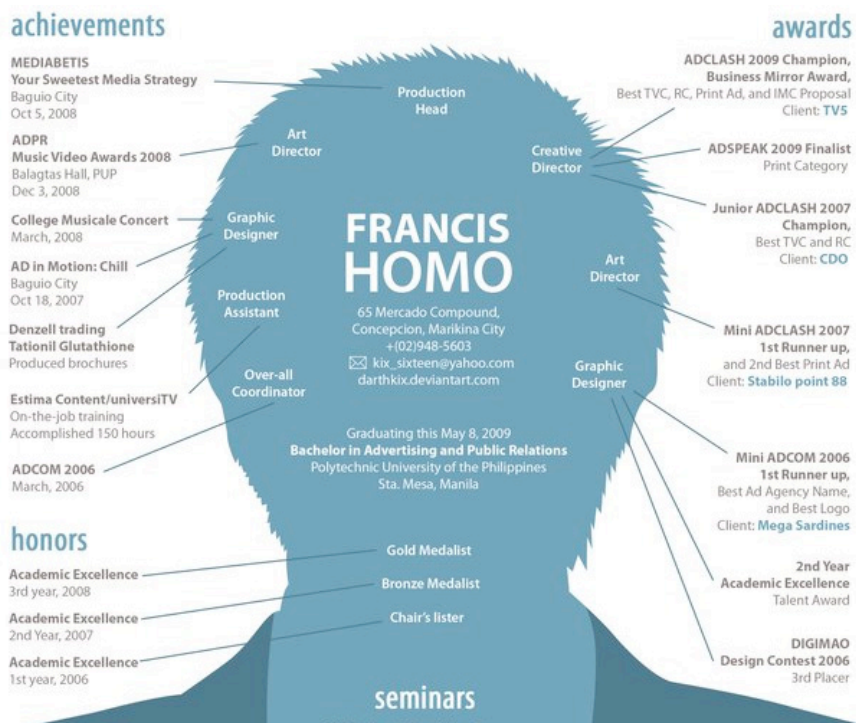
Graphic designer Tudor Deleanu brings color and texture into what would otherwise be a simple list of previous employers.

3. Make It Personal

Traditional resumes can be “humanized” by a well-written cover letter. Graphical resumes can add a whole new dimension by visually introducing the person behind the experience.



Federico Moral went with an anthropological theme, placing his skills into the timeline of human evolution.



Francis Homo turns his own silhouette into a frame for his achievements.



Brandon Kleinman adds a really creative twist by making a short presentation out of his Facebook photos.

4. Use Graphics to Inform

Images can be used to tell an employer something about the resume before the first word is even read. The message could be "I'm a game designer," or "I work in the food industry." An image related to the profession or industry sends a message right away and can encourage the reader to learn more.

Sean McNally
 CHARACTER NAME
 Level 15 Artist, Level 7 Animator. Orc Chaotic Good Caffeine
 CLASS AND LEVEL RACE ALIGNMENT DEITY
 Medium 22 Male 5'8 90kg Brown Red/Brown White.
 SIZE AGE GENDER HEIGHT WEIGHT EYES HAIR SKIN

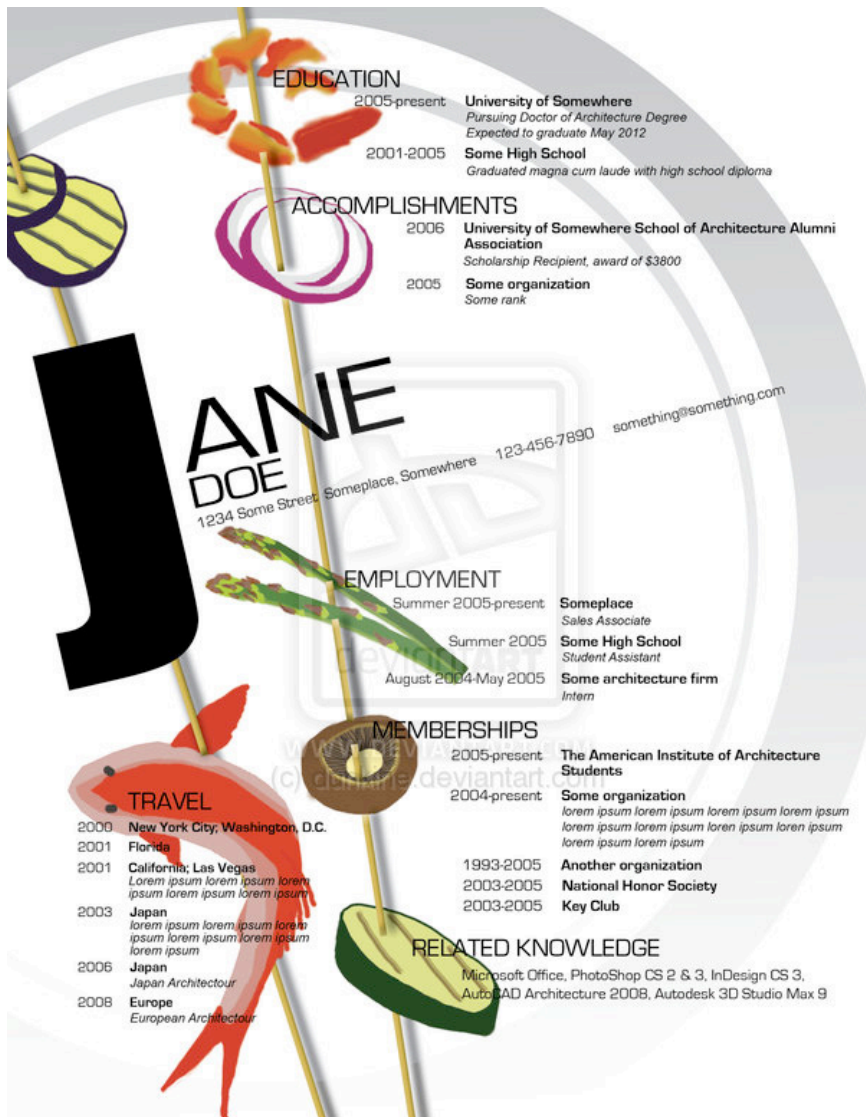
Character Resume

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STR STRENGTH	16	+2	N/A	N/A	Hir Points 98	Currently in good health.	N/A	Maximum!
DEX DEXTERITY	22	+6	N/A	N/A	AC 26 = 10 + 5 + +5 + +6	Facebook Bonus	+6	DAMAGE REDUCTION Awesome
CON CONSTITUTION	17	+2	N/A	N/A	TOTAL	Natural Style		
INT INTELLIGENCE	23	+6	N/A	N/A	ORGANISATION 18 = +6 + +12	DEX MODIFIER		
WIS WISDOM	8	0	N/A	N/A				
CHA CHARISMA	20	+5	N/A	N/A				

SAVING THROWS	TOTAL	BASE SAVE	ABILITY MODIFIER	MISC MODIFIER	MISC MODIFIER	TEMPORARY MODIFIER	CONSTITUTION MODIFIER
Pc Crashes	18	+5	+6	+3	+4	n/a	
Hardware Failure.	16	+3	+0	+10	+3	n/a	
Artist Block	20	+8	+6	+2	+6	n/a	

Skill	LVL	RATING
Photoshop Illustration.	22	Advanced.
Photoshop Image manipulation.	19	Advanced.
Photoshop Animation.	19	Moderate.
Animation Principles.	20	Advanced.

Illustrator and animator Sean McNally pours his gaming roots into this clever CV.



Designer [Jason Takeuchi](#) built this artful resume template around food — a great way to introduce yourself to those in the restaurant biz.

Conclusion

Deciding between a traditional text or graphically designed resume really depends on your profession and industry. Just throwing an image on the page will do little to set your resume apart from others. There has to be some thought behind the message you want to send. When incorporating design elements, remember to keep on task and consider the reader's first impression.

What other resume design tips are important to keep in mind? Leave us your comments.

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- ▶ **Web/Ecommerce Manager** at Norma Kamali in New York, NY.

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Quentin Lechemia

Amazing! And this one which looks like the official Vogue UK website :
<http://www.celineislookingfora...> !

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Jack DeManche

this is awesome!

2 days ago in reply to Quentin Lechemia Like Reply

Laura kangas

I absolutely Love this, I have a degree in merchandise marketing from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in LA. THIS is an extraordinarily creative example of an online resume! :)

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Awesome!

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Tablazines, Tablazines was launched with the belief that digital publications will be the way w...

Wow. these are some really good examples!!!!

2 days ago

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Peter Shen, Founder of Koozie.com : Search.Post.Connect.

Sharlyn, why didn't you write this months or even a year ago! :) It's good, thanks anyway.

2 days ago 1 Like

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Adam Conrad

This is not practical to 99% of your readers. These are all resumes of designers, whose job it is to stand out in print form. If you're in finance, health care, programming, or most non-creative jobs, HR is going to cringe at the lack of readability and likely throw your resume out.

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Gaurav Khanna, JobsTitan is an online recruitment services organization that is striving to brin...

I like the artistic endeavor. But, as president of <http://www.JobsTitan.com> I can clearly say that none of these hold water, except for when you are applying for the 0.1% creative design companies. HR managers will trash these. The designs are more suited for personal websites/facebook profiles.

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BK

Gaurav-

I beg to differ, resumes are just documents to get a company to consider meeting you. Mine (above) is geared towards marketing strategy and business development and I have gotten a fantastic response without sending it to anyone directly. I even added an update with some of my results.

Brandon

(Edited by author 2 days ago)

2 days ago in reply to Gaurav Khanna 1 Like

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Brandon

I have 3 words for you, "Content is King"! Any approach that will make it difficult for a hiring manager or hiring softwares that assist hiring managers to access content will be costly to a true job-seeker. There is a little thing in a hiring process called an applicant tracking system, that will potentially flag these formats as incomprehensible. Besides, consider a real scenario, where there is a thousand submissions for a job posting. If all submissions were to follow an eclectic format then the hiring managers would be at their wits end. The approach you are talking about is not sustainable. I am as much a citizen of the "Brave New World" as you are, but the hiring process is

a carefully orchestrated sequence, where every step has to be precise in order to generate positive results. In addition professional resumes speak to a job-seeker capabilities as well as industry standards and hiring manager attitudes all together. Creative approaches like the nine described are valuable addendums to a professional resume, and so is a LinkedIn profile, facebook profile, personal website, video resume, audio resume etc. All of these presentation media come together through a stellar professional resume.

www.jobstitan.com has resume experts that carefully assist a job-seeker in reviewing capabilities and professional expertise. The #1 priority of a resume is to elicit a candidate's capabilities in a style that is familiar to hiring managers. An approach like this leads to precise employment scenarios, which is what we need instead of the resume sprawl and bombing that we see today.

More after you respond...

2 days ago in reply to BK 5 Likes

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The formal structured recruitment process isn't the only way to get a job interview. Arguably it isn't the best way either. Job seekers need to know their audiences and put forth their resumes (of any kind) that are suitable. For networking and Hidden Job Market searching, there is no reason to stick to the structure that suits a computer, scanner, or narrow-thinking person. Know your audience.

1 day ago in reply to Gaurav Khanna

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Miguel Hernandez

I think there are several moments in the process for a CV. I definitely agree that for the HR process you should stick to the traditional format, but as soon as you arrive to an interview in the process with your possible boss or a key executive, chances are that they haven't been able to process your content, here is where a single image or an info graphic could be really helpful and a great way to create a good impression, of course depends on the kind of position and corporate culture.

1 day ago in reply to Gaurav Khanna

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