

## **Desktop Publishing**

## Résumé Assignment

The assignment Produce a résumé for yourself using QuarkXPress. You will learn the program basics while making a useful document.

The goals
This initial assignment
will introduce you to the
text formatting tools of
QuarkXPress and to the
world of typography and
design.

## Hints

- Keep the design and typography simple.
   Use a minimum of typefaces to do the job

   avoid the "ransom note" design look.
- Think of how your information can be organized hierarchically (like an outline), and how to use type to differentiate the various categories. Simplicity should be a goal for good readability.

- Be consistent. If you use a specific font size and style for a header named "Education", it should be used consistently for other similar headers, i.e. "Experience".
- Avoid the use of decorative, overly ornate or script typefaces in résumés.
   They are not businesslike in "tone" and hinder readability when set in long passages.
- Don't use spaces to indent text – use tabs.
   Text aligned using the spacebar does not line up when using proportional type. Tab settings can be customized to accommodate the most demanding layout.
   This text was set using tabs and indents.
- Don't use double spaces to mark the end of a sentence. A single space is fine when using proportional type.
- Look at some contemporary examples of résumés. Check out books on making résumés and at businesses uptown that produce them. Borrow ideas that you like!

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