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## Professional Experience

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### **Red Hat Software Services Pvt. Ltd. - Pune** [ **Lead Frontend and UX Developer** ]

**August, 2012 - Present** — Leading the frontend development of an internal R&D devtool-project.

### **NexVend Sdn. Bhd. - Kuala Lumpur** [ **Co-founder, Director and CTO** ]

**May, 2012 - Present** — Member of the Board of Directors, Chief Technical Officer, Leader of IT-Operations, Principal developer, architect & super-reviewer of product designs.

### **MQuotient Solutions Ltd. - Pune** [ **Lead Frontend Developer** ]

**November, 2011 - May, 2012** — Lead frontend developer of the smart enterprise solutions: *Boxcite* (the Lead Management System) & *Glyfix*'s (the OCR with AI).

### **Olyvious Net Trading Pvt. Ltd. - Siliguri** [ **Lead Web Developer** ]

**May, 2011 - July, 2011** — Principal Webmaster of 5+ high-traffic subsidiary e-commerce sites. Also served as the system-administrator & technical-recruiter for the company.

### **Nexshore Technologies Pvt. Ltd. - Mysore** [ **Software Engineer** ]

**November, 2010 - February, 2011** — Developed the software interface for Transcend's Media Streaming Device, codenamed - RippleBox (now, StoreJet), with focus on codec optimization, network-stream/queue management and media-player's UI design.

### **9 Dot 9 Media Pvt. Ltd. - Noida** [ **Junior Writer** ]

**March, 2010 - November, 2010** — Produced some of the highest rated featured-articles about Internet & web-technology, multimedia, tech-politics, smarter-mobility etc. Worked as a full-time employee until April 2010 then switched as a consulting freelancer.

## Academic Details

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### Post-Graduation [2010]

### Master of Computer Applications

Completed my Masters (MCA) in the year 2010 from Siliguri Institute of Technology (SIT) under West Bengal University of Technology (WBUT) with Degree-GPA of 8.4/10.

### Multimedia Diploma [2009]

### Advanced Diploma in 3D Animation

Certified by the University of Cambridge (UK) & the Maya Academy of Advanced Cinematics (MAAC) in 2009, on completion of the 2-years graduate diploma in Multimedia, Animation and Film-VFX (AD3D+).

### Graduation [2007]

### Pure Science with Honors in Physics

Physics Honors graduate from Balurghat College, under the University of North Bengal (NBU) in 2007.

## Skills and Competence

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### Interface Design and Layout

Proficient in designing application-interfaces with HTML/CSS, XUL/XBL, Nokia Qt, Adobe Flash/Flex and Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF). Also skilled in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, GIMP, InkScape etc. for print/screen publish media.

### Web Technology and Frameworks

Efficient using HTML5-APIs, AJAX/JSONP, CSS-Preprocessors, countless JS libs/frameworks et. al. Fanatic about writing standard-compliant, performance-optimized, bandwidth-friendly markups. Capable of making/managing high-traffic websites on Drupal, Joomla!, Ruby on Rails, Django and MediaWiki. Can throw libraries/dependencies off the window & hand-code everything from scratch, if required.

### System Support and Troubleshooting

System Administration on GNU/Linux, Mac OS X & Windows, Hardware Assembling, Software/Hardware Troubleshooting, Network setup & configuration at small/large scale, Network Security & Firewalls. Have experience setting-up & administrating private Git, MediaWiki, Bugzilla etc. servers.

### Software Development and Engineering

JavaScript ninja — skilled programmer of C/C++ and PHP. Have experience working on Python, Ruby and .NET. Can handle any modern programming language with moderate efficiency. Preferred revision control systems are Git & Mercurial. Can work on both Object-Relational (MySQL, SQLite, PostgreSQL etc.) and Document-Oriented (CouchDB, MongoDB etc.) database systems.

### Traditional/Digital Art-forms and Multimedia

Can Sketch, Paint, Sculpt in traditional, as well as in digital media. Long time drama/theatrical Stage-Performer and Semi-pro Photographer. In Production Media, can work on Conceptualizing, Visualizing, Planning, Filming, Compositing, Rendering, Editing and Encoding. Efficient in Codecs & Compressions; good understanding of MoCap & 3D Filming. Have experience co-producing indie-VFX feature film.

## Extracurricular Engagements

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### Spreading the Mozilla Manifesto

(to make the web a better place)

Mozilla Reps' **Council Member**, Contributor to **Mozilla Central**, Firefox **AddOn Developer**, Webmaker **Super Mentor**, Mozilla Community IT SysAdmin, Leader of Mozilla India and contributor of various projects & planning, such as **Grow Mozilla**, **News Mozilla**, **Privacy Icon** project etc.

### Other Open Source Projects

(Non-Profit/FLOSS Contributions)

Senior **Wikipedia Editor** and the Acting Leader of **WikiProject Software**. Contributor of Wikipedia-Mobile app for Android/iOS. Fedora Project **member** & supporter of VideoLAN, KDE, Kernel, Diaspora projects etc.

### Public Speaking/Writing

(Talks, Publications & Evangelism)

Occasionally I give talks, take workshops on open web technologies, Firefox addon developments etc. Most of my talk slides are made with HTML5/CSS3/JS, and are **available online**. Apart from **personal blogging**, my professional **writeups for ThinkDigit** are also archived.

### Founding "Samsaptak"

(Previously, "The Team of Tomorrow")

A **multimedia-liberation foundation** in the making; dedicated to revolutionize the open-media movement. Produced "**Khurrandrome**", our first SciFi VFX open-movie in 2010 (awarded at North Bengal film festival).

## Interests and Hobbies

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### Studying

I like to study a varied spectrum of subjects, ranging from Philosophy, Psychology, Politics, Medical-Biology, Brain and Cognition to Constructed Languages, Religions, Mythology, Comics, and rarely, Novels et. al.

### Photography

I mostly do macro-shots with controlled depth of field, color-tuned longshot landscapes, panorama, spontaneous and still life. Have interests in experimental photography; High-Speed/Long-Exposure /Time-Lapse, Infrared/Ultraviolet, HDR are my favorites. [**Flickr**]

### Computer Gaming

Action/adventure/platforming, stealth/shooter & arcade-racing are my favorite genres of video games. I'm a fan of Prince of Persia, Need for Speed, Splinter Cell, Call of Duty series and all the games developed by Crytek GmbH.

### Miscellaneous Whimsy

I have built, managed and directed an amateur theater group that successfully performs till date; also a cricket team & a music band, which are now dissolved. I was renowned for my soft-skills & extracurricular-activities, and am known as the tech-guru among the circles. I am a **Critical Thinker**, and I critique my every moves & reform accordingly.