

Curriculum Vitae **ZIV** **KITARO**

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My name is Ziv Kitaro.



I'm a 30 years old writer, journalist and all-in-all content provider. I have been writing and creating ideas ever since I was a little kid. I designed my first game when I was 10. It was a board game based on a movie called "Flight of Dragons".

I'm a graduate of Dale Carnegie's Effective Communication course and I have been giving lectures about personal growth, productivity and on other subjects for many years now. My love for communication got me to create Internet based radio shows - podcasts - that reaches thousands of listeners every week.

I made my degree in the Natural therapies, gaining expertise in reflexology and holistic massage but my passion remained with writing. I set out to write a book: A magical guide to the world of faery folk which came out in 2005. My second book, a guide to the iPhone, came out on September 30th 2009. I am now working on two new books, one of them is a fantasy book for kids, the other is a guide for creating podcasts aimed at the business and education sectors.



Special Skills points of interest:

Advance usage of Apple OSX • Editing and Proofreading • Presentation Building and delivery • Sound Editing • Web Design • Video Editing

For complete CV and more information

Kitaro - lectures and workshops

Lecturer

2004 - Present

I give lectures on a variety of subjects. These lectures are given in private events, for the Ministry of Education in Israel, and other more public events. The lectures are on: Technology, personal growth, creativity, writing, game designing, folklore and more.

Items can be found on my Web site at www.zivkitaro.com/lectures.html

Beit Berl - The Game Design Program

Teacher

2009 - Present

I have three area of responsibility here. I created one of the courses - "Thinking as a game Designer". I teach this course that help students understand what makes games fun to play, and I'm responsible for 5 other teachers in this course.

Cedar Design Group - Interactive Game Company

Senior Game Designer

2004 - 2009

Cedar Design Group is an Israeli based game company that was founded in January 2008 but began its activity around 2004.

As senior game designer my work deals mainly with the creation of the gameplay, the rules, the audio and visual feedbacks and the many aspects that go into making this new game.

I also work on original content for the platform, including background story, character development etc. My second duty is to work on new concepts for games: physical toys, electronic devices and web based. There are three main games I have developed under this position and I can elaborate on them face to face.

Since we are a small company our work tends to grow to other aspects. In my case it was advising on presentations and papers for investors and marketing.

An unofficial ElectroHex™ video clip:

<http://vimeo.com/2600533>

One of the games I created The Moodys:

<http://vimeo.com/2984749>


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Mako.co.il - Keshet online portal

Journalist

May 2008 - Present

Writing about technology in general with an ever so slightly mac bias. I wrote a large guide for the iPhone, guides for new comers to the mac etc. reviews etc. Also writing for the Men section about productivity, presentation and "life" subjects.



Walla.co.il - Online portal/Tech Section

Columnist

Dec 2007 - May 2008

Wrote a weekly column about Apple and Macintosh. Tips, guides, Q&As from readers.

iCast - Podcasting portal

Content Management

Mar 2007 - May 2008

iCast is leading the podcast revolution in Israel. The site offers anyone to upload their podcast creation. On the site you can find original content, radio shows and lectures with more content in the pipes ready to be launched.

My work here was mainly on developing the content, working with the "Open University" and get their lectures on the site. Negotiating with book publishers to bring their content in and working with independent podcaster and get them to keep and work on original content.

Jerusalem Post - Good Life - Published Magazine about better living

Columnist

Throughout 2007

A monthly column about tips for better living, leisure activity and health.

NRG.co.il - Ma'ariv Online

Columnist

August 2006 - January 2007

My column started out from subjects like spirituality in the 21st century and from there it took the form of being a column about mysteries.

Podcasting - Internet Radio Shows

Producer and Host

Mar 2005 - Present

Producing podcasts is the same as producing any radio show.

As the leading podcaster in Israel I am running three popular shows, I have helped in the creation of over a dozen more shows and conducted seminar and gave lecture on many occasion about the subject.

Creating the show gave me experience in hosting, making the recording, the arrangement, editing, promoting and distributing the show.

What are podcasts?

Podcasts are "internet radio shows" - i.e audio content that is recorded on a regular schedule and distributed over the web. Unlike normal shows, podcasts are available at any time so people can always enjoy the content, and listen to them where ever they want - on the computer, through a CD in the car, on their iPods etc. There are shows about any subject you can imagine.

Our most prominent ones are:

Kitaros' Sideshow, Kitaro's Macshow and Kitar's iPhoneshow.



DarkMotif - Computer game company

Writer

Throughout 2006

Wrote a story for a computer game. A dark and epic, cross continent quest with mythical and religious themes about the true origin of our specie. The game is called "Adam Syndrom" and is scheduled to be released in 2009.

Faery Guide - Book

Author

Throughout 2005

Published my first book under "Opus Publishing". A guide to magical creatures Dragons, fairies, Gnomes or Goblins, they are all there waiting.

KITARO- A Store specialized in fantasy art, collectible figurine and the Occult

Owner

2003 - 2005

KITARO was a a two branches store (one in Haifa, the other in Tel Aviv).

The Store was a center for special books on Magick and the occult, collectable and handmade fantasy status and a place to give lectures etc.

During this time I contacted, signed contracts and worked with providers from England, Germany, Italy and the U.S.A to bring special merchandise, collectable figurines, hard to find Tarot cards and books.

I also gave lectures and courses on personal development and meditation.

Savion Care Center - Center for people with special needs

Therapist

2002-2003

Worked with the tenants to help them physically with various deficiencies, aches and other challenges. I worked with people ages 17 to 70, treating each with the best suited technique for him or her self.

Demons Under the Sink - Online Magaine/Game and Conventions

Owner/Writer/Game Designer

Apr 2000 - Dec 2003

Demons under the sink was the leading Role playing Game magazine. It featured articles, reviews and personal columns about the industry, the community and the hobby itself.

We built the site, wrote for it and created a community which is still active today, years after the magazine stopped its publishing.

Other then working on the magazine itself, we operated conventions for RPGs, gave lectured on the subjects and worked as advisor to an Israeli RPG importer.

For each of the conventions we organized, we created new games and stories. Later I created games for conventions that were created by the Israeli Society for the promotion of Role Playing Games and gave lectures about game and story creation.

Education

The Israeli College for Natural Therapies

ND degree, Manual Therapies

A 4 years multiple course Degree that enables me to work in the field of Reflexology and Holistic massage with the addition of learning Nutrition, Bach Remedies, Reiki and a few other techniques.

Dale Carnegie

Effective Communication and Human Relations

Finished top of my class and continued from there to become Trainer Assistant.

The Dale Carnegie course for Effective Communication and Human Relations is a well known and respected course throughout the world. I teaches oratory, active listening, and, as suggested, enhanced the effectiveness of verbal communication.

Languages

Hebrew

Native Speaker

English

Native Speaker

Romanian

Intermediate understanding

Skills

Advance use of Apple OSX

expert

4 years of experience in using and writing about the use of Apple's operating system. Usage includes the iWrok suite (Apple answer to the Office suite), iLife and over 200 3rd party applications I had reviewed in magazines and in my podcasts.

Editing and proofreading

Advance in Hebrew

2 years experience in editing of ISF.co.il, the Israeli Sci-Fi and Fantasy site. During that time I added two new sections to the site: technology and Role Playing Games.

Presentation Building

Advance

I use mostly Apple's Keynote but I know my way around Microsoft's Power Point. I created presentations for Cedar Design Group and I use the application in depth for all my lectures.

Sound Editing

Intermediate

Working on our podcasts and recording other I gained experience in Apple's Garageband and Soundtrack and the open source application Audacity.

Web Design

Intermediate

Basic understanding of HTML. I work mainly with an application called Rapidweaver. Some sites I created include: www.zivkitaro.com, www.storytellers.co.il, www.iphonekitaro.com, www.canine.co.il

Video Editing

Beginner

Using Apple Final Cut Pro
