

Summary	15 years software development with 9 years project leadership
Technical Skills	<p>Java, C/C++, Perl, PHP, LDAP, UML, OOA&D</p> <p>UNIX/Linux, Windows</p> <p>MySQL, Oracle</p> <p>XML/HTML/CSS/Javascript</p>
Employment	<p>Aug '09 - present Freelance Writer</p> <p>Demand Studios (demandstudios.com). Work-for-hire, software-related articles.</p> <p>Jan '02 - present Freelance Writer</p> <p>New York Times Bestselling author (July 30th, 2006, <i>Dragon's Fire</i>, co-authored with Anne McCaffrey)</p> <p>Sep '01 – Dec '01 Countrywide Home Loans, inc. Moorpark, CA Senior Software Systems Analyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineer for Quality Assurance on Global Origination Software system. <p>Apr '01- May '01 LRN Westwood, CA Senior Programmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer of enhancements to Java-based reporting system. Developer for transition web-based legal education system from Perl/Apache to Oracle 9iAS on Solaris and Linux platforms. <p>Feb '01 – Mar '01 self-employed Tarzana, CA Independent Contractor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer of enhancements Java GUI for Oxelis, Inc. <p>Aug '00 – Jan '01 Oxelis, inc. Santa Monica, CA Senior Programmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using UML and OOA&D to architect, design, and develop in 8 weeks a GUI written in Java. Developed distribution and obfuscation tools in Perl for HTML/Javascript web pages. Installed and administered Linux, Apache, BIND, DNS, and MTAs. <p>Jun '98 – Jul '99 Symas Corporation West Hills, CA Founder & Engineer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect, designer, developer of user management software leveraging open source software. Creator of LDAP browser demo in Java using JNDI in 4 weeks. Responsible for authorization agents for Livingston RADIUS servers, Apache Web servers in C. <p>Oct '92- Jun '98 PLATINUM technology, inc. Inglewood, CA</p>

	<p>Project Leader / Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical evaluator of multi-million dollar acquisitions. Lead on in-house alternative design strategies, coordinating with and presenting to customers. • ACXPert - Manager of a project to develop a C++/Win32 (MFC) interface to the AutoSecure product using client/server object transportation via C++ on both Windows and UNIX. Staff: 6 developers. On time and on budget with release. • AutoSecure - Assumed responsibility for porting and packaging a UNIX security product under an extremely tight schedule (45 days) with a development staff growing from 2 to 6 while simultaneously developing a test plan, and managing a testing staff of 2, resulting in on-time release. Manager for 2 more point releases between January and July. • Manager, Merge Test & Support - Builder and leader of a test organization, which in 7 months verified the quality of 345,000 lines of code. Staff: 6. Over 4 product releases on 3 different operating systems. Provider of on-site support for critical accounts, including banking and medical. Trainer for technical support personnel at Novell, SCO, and Sun. <p>Feb '91 – Sep'92 self-employed Palms, CA</p> <p>Freelance Writer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer of short fiction. Attendee of Clarion West Writers' Workshop 1992. <p>Jan '86 – Jan '91 Locus Computing Corporation Inglewood, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager of 6 developers through 3 releases of the PC-Interface product line. • SWAT Team member for IBM's AIX PS/2 v 1.0. Trainer of IBM technical support personnel. • Corporate Award for Management 1990.
Education	<p>1985 Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</p> <p>Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering (with Honours)</p>
Hobbies	<p>Pilot (PPSEL, VFR)</p> <p>Developer and producer of 45-second video, "Evil Genius Pills" (2009) using Premiere Pro, modo 401, and Photoshop</p>
Publications	<p><i>Dragongirl</i> (July 2010), <i>Dragonheart</i> (2008),</p> <p>Dr. Who: Destination Prague - <i>The Dragons of Prague</i>, (2008)</p> <p><i>Dragon Harper</i> (2007), <i>Dragon's Fire</i> (2006),</p> <p><i>Dragonsblood</i> (2005), <i>Dragon's Kin</i> (2003)</p>