## content strategy PORTFOLIO

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A Microsoft group needed additional materials to help potential clients understand what moving beyond legacy systems can do for them in the next two to three years, but also a decade from now. I worked with them to develop a series of podcasts that explain different ways artificial intelligence, blockchain and Internet of Things can positively affect how citizens interact with their governments.

#### Process

In collaboration with the team, I connected to and spoke with subject-matter experts in the fields of predictive technologies, social services, trust and privacy, and tax, then wrote scripts based on our conversations that created a smooth flow for listeners based on one episode per topic.

#### Challenges

The greatest challenges were logistical. Having spoken with people across the world, it was sometimes difficult to schedule calls because we were in such odd time zones.

#### Solutions

A member of the government team who once worked in radio provided the voice for my scripts. Her narration integrated with recordings from the subjectmatter experts to create a content marketing series that we expect will provide great dividends for the team.





Implement a site redesign that streamlines current content from 48 pages and targeting successfully allows for scout recruitment and multiple stakeholders.

#### Process

Content audit, including dozens of PDF attachments, to reduce and reconfigure overall content.

User research interviews with scout leaders, parents, and national committee members allowed for confirmation of site priorities.

New information architecture put most commonly used items top and center.

#### Challenges

Leadership committee not always aligned on needs and desires.

Discerning between necessary, relevant and disposable content. How to keep the site content dynamic.

#### Responsibilities

#### Results

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COUTING

New site has a clean look with easy-to find content and simplified navigation that will include events calendar and more photo content. Launch expected early December.

Project management, content strategy, user research, user experience architecture, information architecture, design and WordPress implementation



Create a streamlined and simpler navigation system for the online employee rewards program, including updating UX copy.

Update information architecture and content strategy to mobilefirst design.

Facilitate ease of use for human resources staff to create updates and send announcements with minimal technical fuss.

#### Process

Used existing research to understand employee needs.

Iteratively worked with client to ensure that content and UX needs satisfied multiple employee levels in two countries while eliminating redundancy.

Simplified existing content and built navigation flow that made content more easily navigable.

#### Challenges

Content management system did not always work as expected.

Ensuring that requirements for U.S. and Canada sites were in sync.

Change in requirements mid-way through project.

#### **Responsibilities**

Content strategy, user experience architecture, information architecture

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New user flow simplified usability while updated content drove employees to intended sections.

**Solutions** 

Labeling and microcopy better related to topics.

Mobile-first design alleviated potential desktop challenges.



Create new information architecture and content strategy that differentiates previous target market of sales professionals and a new, upscale management audience.

#### Process

Content audit weeded out stale text, image and videos.

Constant iteration on information architecture resulted in tighter presentation of content and model that would allow for quick edits within the content management system.

#### Challenges

Content management system (Squarespace) wasn't flexible with organization of microcopy.

Client wanted some content to remain that was no longer relevant to the business model.

#### Solution

New site is much more inviting, user friendly, and extensible.

Lead generation now uses content to engage potential client.

Content strategy allows for flexibility in regular update content if client decides she wants to begin creating regular updates.

#### Responsibilities

Content strategy, information architecture



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Build customer journey for company rebranding effort.

Generate new leads for medical practice.

#### Process

Assessed audience needs through provided user research and personas.

Designed templating system that limited content while increasing page's data functionality.

Built wireframes, information architecture, and new content model that created new customer journey to pass onto design and development teams.

#### Challenges

Distilling morass of content and design choices from previous site to consistent, simple flow.

Limited number of templates desired by client could have led to design complexity.

Scope and content changes by client throughout process.

#### Responsibilities

User experience architecture, content modeling

#### Solution

Beautiful new site led to uptick in lead generation and roadmap to future functionality.

Technical Program Manager said the agency I contracted with would integrate the content model I created into its projects moving forward.



Facebook requested that I look at a prototype of a new app that focused on their Groups product. They wanted suggestions on how to improve the app based on the user experience and the copy that enables users to navigate through.

#### Process

I went through an assessment of learning to understand the intended audience of the app, how its current iteration succeeded and failed to guide a user in the right direction, and the workflow of using and setting up new Groups. From there I redesigned the experience into a smoother workflow.

#### Challenges

Limited timeframe to complete the assessment.

No data on how current members use Groups.

Had to base much of the assessment on assumptions and anecdotal evidence.

#### Solutions

A case study that broke the app down into multiple parts, based on whether users were new or returning, and added multiple elements of artificial intelligence and chatbot interactions to make the experience smoother and more fun to use. The company expressed interest in using some of the elements I proposed.





As editor-in-chief of a community news organization, I oversaw brand management, template design, and the content for each issue, which included establishing voice and tone to keep multiple audiences engaged.

Content strategy, in addition to news coverage, included websites for various demographics and sales targets, as well as a daily e-newsletter to build and maintain readership.

#### Process

Worked with editorial, production and sales staff to ensure that all aspects of the operation worked in sync and met thematic needs.

Worked with reporters and columnists to ensure that content would be high quality and meet needs to publish on multiple platform types such as print, online, social, and email.

### Challenges

The balance of getting the right facts, voice and tone while telling the best story possible.

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Meeting the needs of multiple stakeholders—readers, advertisers, and board/owner.

#### Responsibilities

Organization leadership, community liaison, project/program management, editorial direction, content strategy, digital strategy, user research, user experience architecture, WordPress implementation





Cover photo of a Space Needle made entirely from kosher-for-Passover foods won an award from the Washington Press Association.

#### Results

At a time of falling newspaper readership, I held our publication's subscriptions steady. In addition, our online readership eventually surpassed the print readership due to iterative content strategy and regular design updates.

# Writing Samples

This article I wrote highlights the work I began in the summer of 2017 to build a platform that enables students to better understand science while learning about collaboration, technology and role play inside virtual reality.

#### Teens Produce Their First Game in Virtual Reality

When 13 teens showed up at Fluke Hall on the University of Washington campus one wet November day, they had no idea what they were in for. When they emerged from Portal VR in Ballard on Jan. 28, they had just played a virtual reality game they had made through learning, narrative-building, performance and collaboration.

"I liked it. It was very different from what I would have expected it to be," said Vichette Ros, a 9th grader from Choice Academy in Burien.

Ros didn't know what to expect because the workshops in this game-creation process had never been done before-they were the first in a series led by Seattlebased startup RealityNext. Over the course of two day-long sessions in November and December. RealityNext co-founders Alex Stolyarik and Joel Magalnick worked with the students and a volunteer crew that included Art Feinglass, director of the Seattle Jewish Theater Company, Luke Tokheim, co-founder of Shadow Motion Workshop, and software developer

Michael Gelon to create a story and game based on photosynthesis and the carbon cycle.



"The interesting thing for me was the imagination of kids—could they convert subjects into stories and games?" Stolyarik said. "They can totally do it, and create fantastic and interesting narratives about science, something that is not easily played in a game setting."

Stolyarik and Magalnick have been working on the RealityNext

concept since last June, when they set up shop at the University of Washington's CoMotion Labs. Stolyarik, 43, worked in the finance sector as CEO of a Moscow-based institution in the late 2000s and later founded a land-development education program that he said serves as the original model of the RealityNext program. Magalnick, 46, spent 12 years as editor-in-chief of a community media company, which he says is perfect for implementing the storytelling aspects of the RealityNext concept.

As Stolyarik and Magalnick began working together, both saw an opportunity to "change the way kids can interact with each other by teaching peer to peer," Magalnick said, "but at the same time putting them into a safe environment that encourages teamwork."

The release of RealityNext's first game comes at a time when adoption of virtual reality is on the rise. Given the high costs of entry, however—a headset and computer powerful enough to handle the intense graphics and data load of a VR experience runs \$1,500 to \$2,000—home-based adoption has not been as robust as industry leaders have hoped, according to Venture Beat. The entertainment magazine Variety reported in July that film companies, IMAX in particular, have begun investing in VR arcades to supplement their theatrical releases.

RealityNext's goal, according to Stolyarik, is to open locations where teen can come, whether for afterschool programs, summer camps, or as school groups, to create their stories and games in what he called a "Maker Lab" over the course of two or three sessions. The other goal, he said, "is to put the workshops, which these kids did in an open space, entirely into VR so they can choose their characters, backgrounds and objects to manipulate while they make their stories."

With the kids broken into three groups to act out their stories, Shadow Motion's Tokheim affixed



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#### Learn about Barbara Green, MSW, LICSW

Barbara provides Care Consultations to families and individuals who have questions and concerns about the changes that occur as adults grow older. Please visit the Care Consultations page for further information. For many of my clients who want me to provide an end-to-end web solution, that includes creating an information architecture and the copy that guides users through the site while explaining the purpose of the organization. The following pages show instructions to the client on how to use one aspect of the system.

#### Winter/Spring 2018 Round Table Series

\*Dynamic Content\*

Barbara speaks across the country on multiple topics concerning aging and older adults. She would be pleased to host a Community Conversation at your workplace.

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#### Virtual Reality (cont'd.)

sensors to the arms, legs, head and midsection on half the group to digitally record each person's movements, then had them switch places. He said he was impressed with how the students took to the acting process.

"That's kind of an advanced thing to be able to pretend to act with somebody who's wearing the motion capture suit and someone who's not," Tokheim said. "The kids adjusted to that naturally."

Gelon, the software developer, collected the motion-capture recordings, the students' storyboards, and samples of background images. He overlaid virtual skins onto the recorded performances—in raw form skeletons on a grid background which, in the final release, became five related stories accessed from a space-age virtual classroom. "I liked how you made it something I would not have expected it to be," Vichette, the 9th-grade student, told Gelon. "I think you did really good with the surrounding environment it was in."

"I tried to bridge that gap between 'this is cool, this is new, this is realistic,' but also, 'this is a kid's storytelling device,'" Gelon responded. Vlad Postel, a project manager at Microsoft who attended the game launch event, said he enjoyed how the teens enjoyed the experience they created. "I love the fact the kids were really making something from zero to 100, and it was interesting to see how they built it," Postel said. "The end result was pretty impressive."

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As a UX and content strategy consultant on this project for T-Mobile, I worked with a team of designers and engineers to build the user journey and write the messaging for a private-label site that guides B2B buyers through the purchase of bulk phones and plans, taking into account multiple use cases and user types.

Page	Placement	Text	Scenario
Dashboard	Billing Acct. Number check dialog subhead	Please select the account to associate with this purchase.	<ul><li> Telco Mgr.</li><li> Multiple Billing Account Numbers</li></ul>
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Dashboard	BAN check dialog messages	Under this billing account: • Monthly charges are billed to your account • You are signed up for AutoPay	• Telco Mgr. • Multiple BANs • AutoPay enabled
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Dashboard	BAN check dialog messages	Under this billing account: • Monthly charges are billed to your account • You are eligible for AutoPay – sign up at checkout	• Telco Mgr. • Single BAN • AutoPay not enabled
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