SHIQI ZHONG BRAND BOOK



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BRAND OVERVIEW



Brand Positioning Statement

For young artists who dream of painting our world with vibrant colors to put meanings into details and life, the 'Shiqi Design' is a studio for young artists to practice, perform, and create their unique art for the public, giving a chance for their talents to be known across the world.

Brand Board



VISUAL GUIDELINES



Logo



Components of Logo



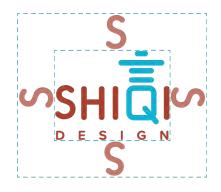
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logotype

Clear Space Requirements

The clear space is defined by the width of the letter "S" in "SHIQI". Nothing should be placed in the border created by "S."

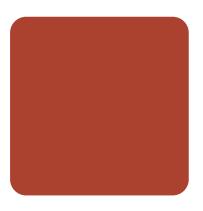


Minimum Size

The minimum size that the logo should be is 0.75 inch. Anything below this makes it hard to read and decreases the quality.



Colors



Pantone 174 C C24 M85 Y89 K15 R170 G66 B48 HEX #a9412f



Pantone 2995 C C73 M6 Y15 K0 R0 G179 B208 HEX #00b3d0

Variation on Logo Structure

In the absence of color options, opting for black and white is preferable. Conversely, if needed, the reverse approach may be employed.





Unacceptable Logo Usage





Do not skew or distort the logo

Do not use the similar color for the background



Do not change the colors of the logo

Typography

Using the preferred sans serif font is recommended for enhanced brand recognition. If the use of a serif font is required, Lora is recommended.

Sans Serif

Proxima Soft should be used for captions, large amounts of text, and titles.

Proxima Soft

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!?,.

Serif

Lora should be used for small amount of texts and body copy.

Lora

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!?,.

Alternate Typography

If a preferred typeface is unavailable, please use these substitutes.

Sans Serif

Calibri should be used for the captions, large amounts of texts, and title.

Calibri

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!?,.

Serif

Times New Roman should be used for small amount of texts and body copy.

Times New Roman

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!?,.

Visual Identity



Letterhead Usage

The top margin must be 1.9 inches, with side and bottom margins being 05. inch and 0.7 inch. Use the preferred typeface for all body text. Set this font at 9 pts. And use 18 pt. space between the lines of text.

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	 During the internship at NEA Baptist, there was initially no experience in creating designs for large events such as or charities. Instead of declining the request, the opportunity was seized to demonstrate the skills that could be of them. 		
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Website Favicon



Social Profile Mark



E-Mail Sign-Off



RESUME & REFERENCES



Resume



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts Graphic Design Bachelor of Science Business Administration Arkansas State University

RELEVANT CLASSES

- Photography
- History of Graphic Design
- Typography & Layout
- Information Design
- Identity Design
- Digital Illustration
- Professional Practice
- Graphic Design InternshipPortfolio Capstone
- Portiono Capst
- Marketing
- Accounting
- Consumer Behavior

AWARDS

2024 AAF -NEA Student Chapter Gold Addy - Bring to the World

ORGANIZATIONS

July 2022 - May 2023 | Graphic Designer A-State Chinese Student Organization

SKILLS

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Fresco
- Adobe XD
- UI/UX
- Ideation
- Typography
- Prototyping
- Photography
- Procreate

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2023 - August 2023

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital | Jonesboro AR

Graphic Design Intern

- · Helped set up Art Slam, major fundraising event for hospital.
- Designed innovative banners for 'information-board' and 'interview-board' aimed at nurses, improving directional guidance and information dissemination.
- · Organized multiple existing files for efficient work flow.

January 2023 - September 2023

The Cho Media, LLC | Paragould AR

- Creative Designer & Graphic Designer
 - Generated content for social media marketing to boost website click-through rate of potential customers.
- Maintained active communication across different time zones with the client, ensuring project completion within the specified timeline.

September 2022 - December 2022

Ryukando CO. LTD | Ginza, Tokyo

Creative Designer & Web Designer

- Accomplished website design with specialized UI/UX that allows customers to interact with contents easily by observing the heat map data from Google Analyst.
- Boosted product sales by redesigning packaging to more effectively communicate company's message to customers.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

May 2024 resume. Recent version available Online.

References



REFERENCES

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Terry Cho

CEO The Cho Media 2402 Linwood Dr, Paragould, AR 72450 terry@thechomedia.com +1(870)802-9792 Supervisor

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CORRESPONDENCE



Cover Letter



February 21, 2024

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Thank You Email

terry@thechomedia.com Thank You - Graphic Designer Interview Mr. Cho, Thank you for meeting with me today to discuss the graphic designer position at TheChoMedia, LLC. Following our conversation, I am even more confident that my skills and experiences will significantly benefit your media team. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am eager to assist and look forward to the possibility of contributing to your team. Thank you once again. I eagerly await your response. Sincerely, Zhong SHIQI ZHONG **(870)530-9769** shiqidesigns@gmail.com Graphic Design ShiqiDesigns 3 shiqidesigns.com (in) (🛈 Send 回

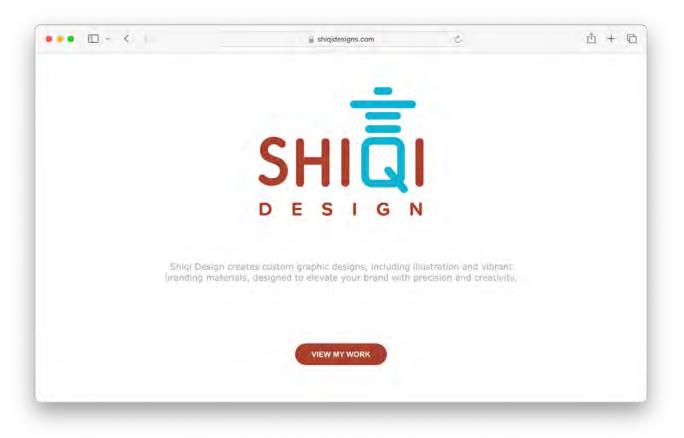




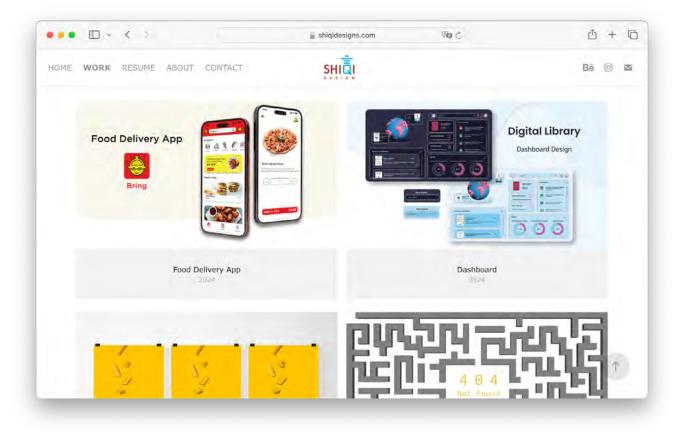
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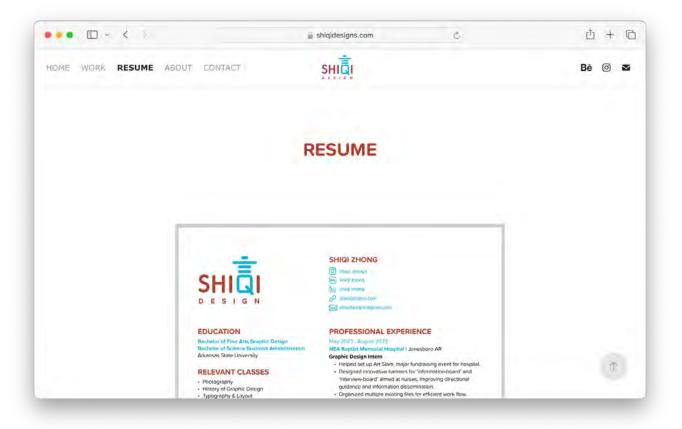
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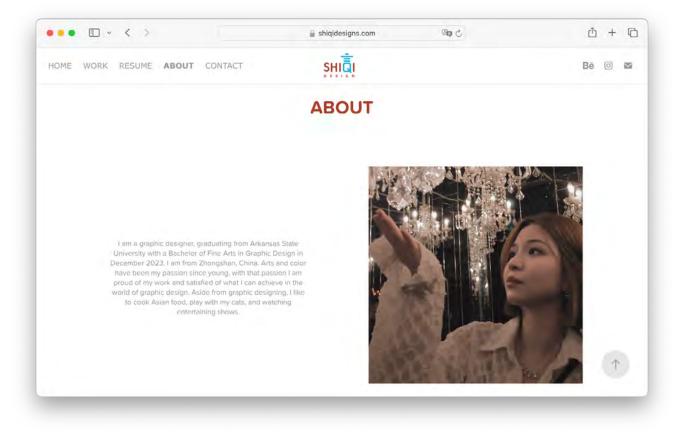
Portfolio



Resume



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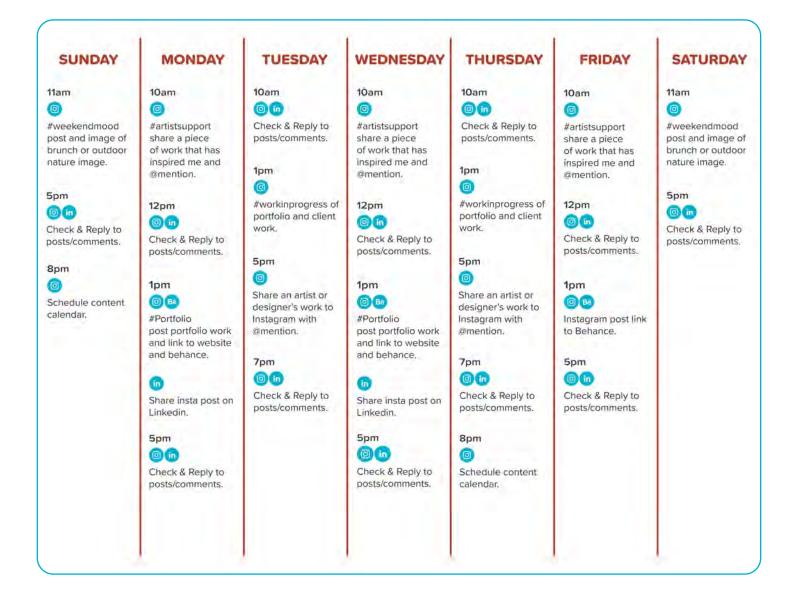
SOCIAL MEDIA



Social Media Mission Statement

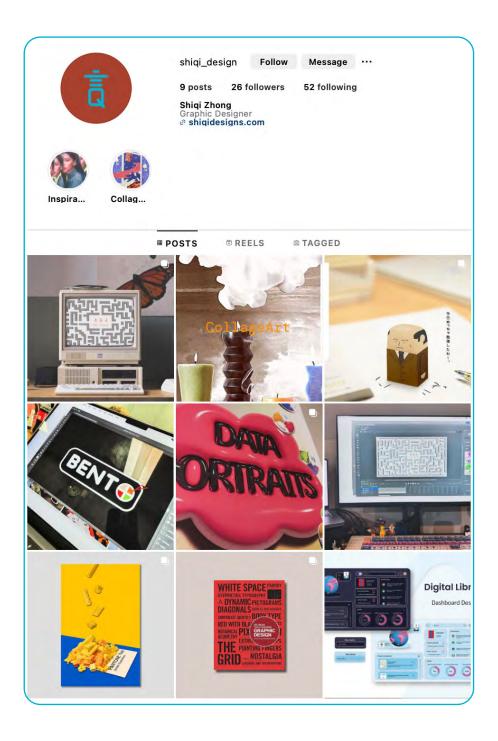
I leverage social networks to connect with inspiring professionals who have different art styles and possess greater knowledge in graphic design. I believe that embracing diverse ideas and being adept in multiple graphic design concepts are essential for career growth. Hence, I use social media to seek out these professionals, engaging with them through questions, learning from their experiences, and understanding their diverse artistic approaches. This strategy allows me to avoid limiting myself to a single learning path and instead, broadens my interests, values, and perspectives in graphic design.

Social Media Content Calendar



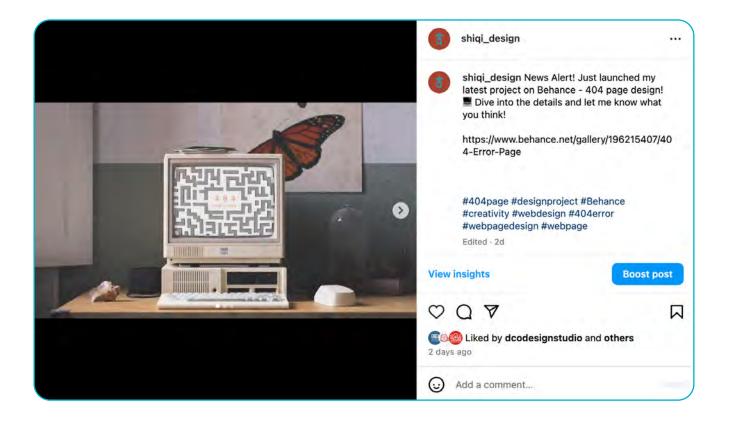
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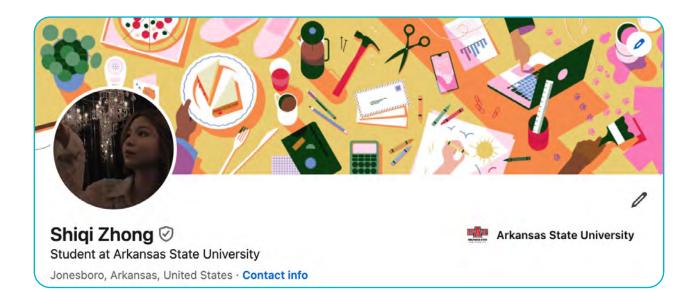
Instagram Post

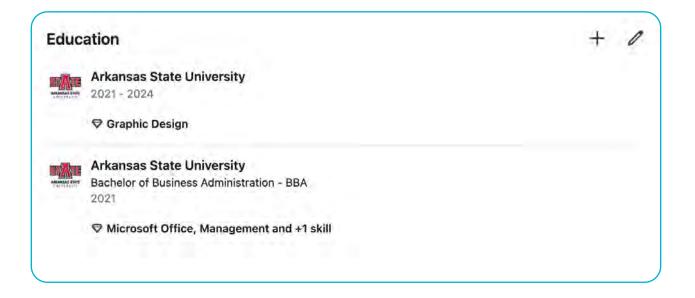
Based on my content calendar, I made a #portfolio post to showcase my work. This post was a project that I did for web design.



Linkedin

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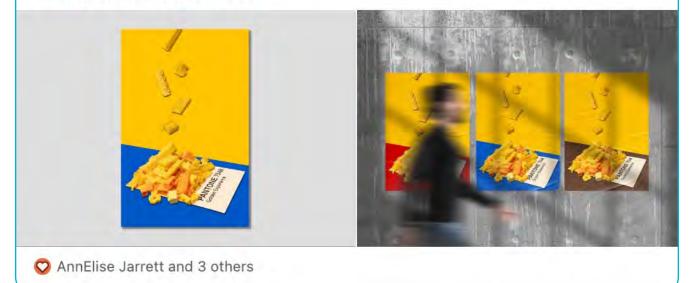
Linkedin Post

For this post, I shared the link to my website so people can check more details of my work.



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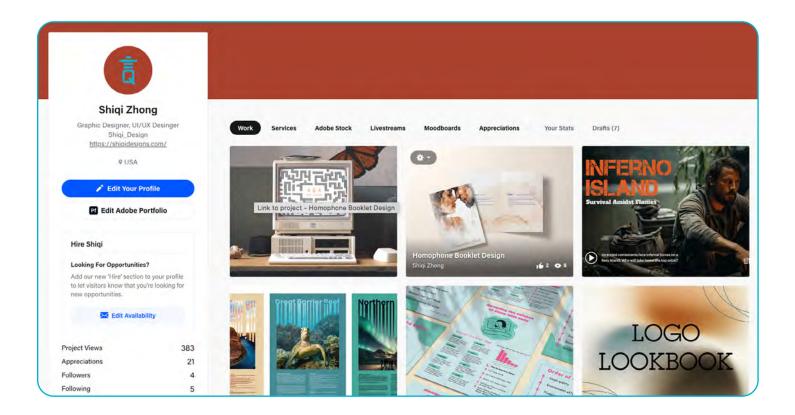
Visual representation using Pantone chip and Lego with vibrant yellow. This was one of my project where I had to take photo of lego then use photoshop to individually crop out each lego pieces. It is simple yet inspiring poster with a meaning of how one's knowledge gained. See more detail at https://Inkd.in/gydXg96B



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BUSINESS PLAN



Business Plan A

BUSINESS PLAN A | GRFX-4503 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE | SPRING 2024

IDENTITY:

What's your full name? Shiqi Zhong

Would you like to create a brand that refers to you as a person or you as a thing? In other words, do you want to have a business that is known by your name or by another name? I would like to use a business name rather than my name.

What is the location of your business? If you do not know yet, state your ideal location. Or you could explain something like "A large city in the U.S." or "A medium-sized city in the northeast region of the U.S." The west city in the U.S.

Where would you rather work (when the pandemic clears and you have a choice)? Virtual from home or at a physical office? Physical office

S.W.O.T.

A S.W.O.T can help you assess the strengths and opportunities you currently have so you can map the shortest path to your goals. It will also help you understand any obstacles in your path, whether they are outside of you, or internal. Creating a S.W.O.T analysis of your creative business can be extremely useful as a way of identifying potential difficulties and opportunities for your business and for yourself.

- Strengths and Weaknesses are internal aspects of you and your business.
- Opportunities and Threats are external aspects of you and your business.

Use each section to identify problems and solutions in other sections. You can use your strengths to spot related weaknesses (EX "I am well-organized" is a strength, "I am too rigid" is a related weakness), then use that weakness to identify an opportunity, and so on. Think laterally when you are doing your SWOT analysis. Don't get caught up in analysis the whys of these, just jot them down as you think of them. Brainstorm!

For an example, CLICK HERE.

- S Strengths (internal/personal aspects that give you an advantage):
- 1. I am a hard worker.
- 2. I can speak more then one languages.
- 3. I am a flexible worker.
- O Opportunities (external/public new services, products or markets for you to consider):
- 1. Looking for a job.
- 2. Learning about the web design (coding).
- 3. Improving my photography skill.
- W Weaknesses (internal/personal aspects that might hinder you or cause problems):
- 1. I have a hard time initiating communication.
- 2. I am easily distracted.
- 3. I like to get too many opinions.
- T Threats (external/public EX competition, government regulations, money, tech?):
- 1. Data lost.
- 2. Devices damage problem.
- 3. Visa problem.

YOUR MISSION:

What drives you? What keeps you motivated? What are you passionate about?

I always wanted to be independent, so I drew and made things from everything. And then, from those things, I felt alive and felt achieved to bring things to life. That made me enjoy doing arts and crafts, inspiring me to be more creative. Since there is no limit to what I can create with objects around me, I feel more independent, which I always cared about as a child. Eventually, those things have become my passion and things I love to do with my time.

What is important to you in business?

For example, what are your ethics, values and reasons for being in this profession? Do you have creative work you specifically want to do? Answer this as if money or job availability didn't matter.

I tried studying other major before graphic design. It was a business major, but it was never my interest, as my parents forced me. Whenever I began taking graphic design, I felt every day was new for me. Every object I drew or created differed from the previous one, making me excited about what I wanted to do the next day. Someday, I am looking forward to becoming a logo or identity designer because that is where I struggled the most, and I want to help others express their ideas from those contents as I help them.

YOUR FUTURE:

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Not just location or "successful", but how will you be living? I want to move to the big city, find a stable job, become a professional designer, and marry before 30 years old.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I will have lovely kids with my husband. I want to have my own business and multiple jobs. And I hope my cats are still healthy and stay next to me.

How are you going to make this 10-year goal happen?

The first step is to move to the big city because there are more opportunities and connections to build. Then, I would like to have more job experience in different works and learn more things from each work experience. While everything is happening, I will save up some money to keep my cats healthy by bringing them to the vet at least once a month.

YOUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:

Examine yourself and your skills before you start trying to find employment, whether that be through freelance and/or working for a company. You want to look for avenues and opportunities which play to your strengths.

Pick from this list and/or add additional items. After each one listed, describe what you offer in relation to this item. Specifically answer what your qualifications are in these areas and what factors will give you competitive advantages or disadvantages. You should have <u>at least 3 items</u>.

Advertising, Advocacy, Animation, Logo Design, Design Systems, Collateral, Marketing Strategy, Print Design, Book Covers, Social Media, Political Causes, Coding, Apps, Web, Drawing/Illustration, Fashion, Film/Video, Gaming, Motion Graphics, Interiors/Buildings, Performance, Photography, Painting, Illustration, Sculpture, Murals, Music Composition, Writing, Public Speaking, Teaching, Event Planning, Sales, Writing, UI/UX, Social Media Content Creation (Platform?), Analytics, Creative Strategy, Problem-Solving, Mediation, Non-Profit (501c3) Experience, Grant-Writing, Entrepreneurship

Strength 1:

Logo Design

Qualifications & Competitive Advantages:

For my qualification, I can understand how the market views one design from various perspectives. That is why I always consider one shape that could explain the whole meaning of something rather than using multiple shapes. That is what makes my logo design unique and what makes clients feel satisfied.

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Strength 2: UX/UI

Qualifications & Competitive Advantages:

I helped one of the Japanese clients to build a website using a third party. It went successfully, and the client was happy with the outcome. The client was not satisfied with the design but with how easy it was to navigate around pages and people to engage in the client's website. This experience allowed me to understand the perspective and preferences of customers based in different countries, which allowed me to adjust my style based on the client's customer's location.

Strength 3:

Marketing Strategy

Qualifications & Competitive Advantages:

During the marketing internship at NA Baptist Hospital, I was able to provide the hospital with a new design that is right for their customers' age and easy to access for everyone, including the colorblind. Thus, I have a specialty in understanding the specific target market for a company.

YOUR COMPETITION:

Explain what you think your direct competition might be in relation to the following. Describe the qualities of an imagined person/group who would be competition. In other words, who would be hired instead of you?

Creativity/Ideation:

A person who has more knowledge about coding.

Training:

A person who has already learned essential marketing duties.

Experience:

A person who has more job experience.

Specialty:

A person who has better connections than I do.

YOUR CLIENTS (VIA FREELANCE AND/OR FOR COMPANY AT WHICH YOU WORK):

Who is your ideal client(s)?

For example, is it a small local business owner with a new shop or do you want to do contract work for huge corporations with a ton of existing brand equity? Would you rather work an in-house shop instead of having multiple clients? OR do you want to do work for a non-profit or do some other form of advocacy all the time? I want to work in an Agency or a company as a graphic designer because I can learn more from the clients.

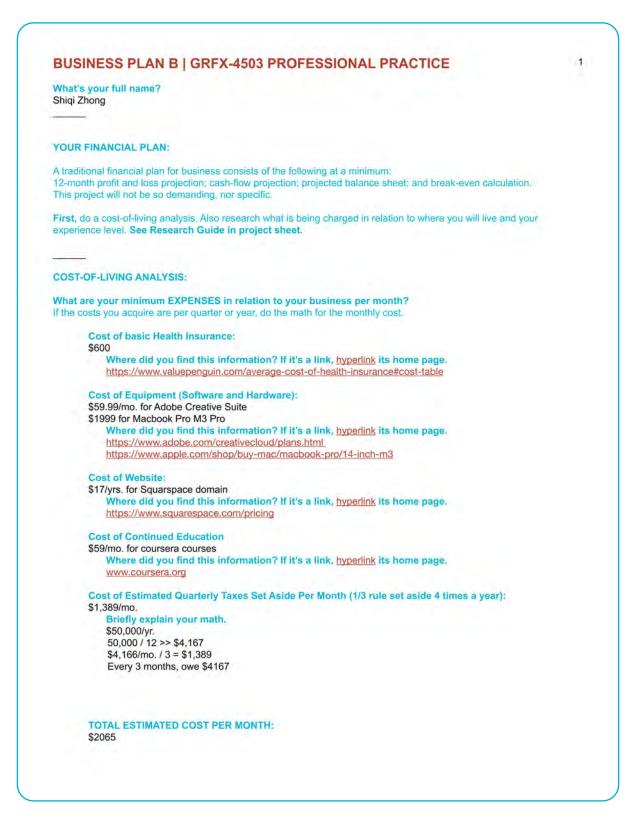
Will the ideal client give you little or full control over the project scope?

Do you like a lot of direction or a little? If it's in the middle, be specific in your answer. I would rather have full control because, with little changes or little demands from the clients, I would not be able to provide the best version of what they have requested. Although things I created may not favored by others, still having the full control to prepare more than one sampling to provide and let client choose is much better than hearing their opinions every little touch.

Much of the information on this sheet has been paraphrased or pulled directly from the following sources:

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Business Plan B



What are your minimum projected PROFITS in relation to your business and its expenses per month? Replace month with year or quarter to match expenses if necessary.

How much will you charge? \$40

How many days of the week will you work? I will work 5 days a week.

How many hours per week do you expect to be billable? 40 hours a week.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROFIT PER MONTH: \$6400 - \$2065 = \$4335

FINANCIAL FORMS



Estimate



Date: Date Job Number: Job or Invoice #

ESTIMATE

The following is an estimate from **Shiqi Design** for work. This is neither an invoice, nor a quote. See plans from meeting notes to provide the expected total of hours. **THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

Client Name: Company (or Person's) Name Here Address: Street Address Here; City State Zip Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

Project Descriptions

Name of Project

Notes: List any notes from meetings or other information provided by client. Materials Requested: If client has requested specific materials, list here. Otherwise remove. Timeline: No rush charges. Timeline discussed when estimate approved. If job will be rushed, explain here and increase rate.



• Explain here what you will receive and what is expected.

- More here. Include everything, including the time to pre-press files.
- Revisions beyond those listed will incur hourly charges.

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Quote



Date: Date Job Number: Job or Invoice #

QUOTE

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Total: \$ XX Revision:

- Explain here what you will receive and what is expected.
- More here. Include everything, including the time to pre-press files.
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Hourly Invoice



Date: XX/XX/XXXX Job Number: XXX Payment Due: XX/XX/XXXX

INVOICE

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU. All payments can be made to Shiqi Design and mailed to the address below. Please contact me with questions about this or any future work!

Client Name: Company (or Person's) Name Here Address: Street Address Here; City State Zip Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX

Project Descriptions

Name of Project

Rate: \$XX/hr Hours: **Total:** \$XXX

- Explain briefly what was done. Be sure it matches to the estimate and quote at a minimum.
- If the project is not yet finished, state this.

Total Due: \$XXX

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Project Invoice



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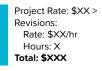
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Total Due: \$XXX

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