

What did you see that you liked?

What I liked within the examples are how organized and professional they look, without the effort of having to play around with word document templates that can look unorganized if too much information is put in a certain area. I also like that you can minimize sections of the Visual CV as I think it would be easier to focus on certain sections of interest for employers, without having to search through paper documents. Moreover, I like the variety of multimedia that you can use on your Visual CV including pictures, videos, audio clips, and links to other pages, whereas with a regular print resume, the typed print is the only information the employer can see to learn about you and your accomplishments.

What did you see that you didn't like?

I didn't like that they didn't include examples of education students, teachers, or principals. I would have liked to see what sort of things they add to their Visual CVs. I feel that graphic and web designers, artists and people in the entertainment industry, and people already established in careers such as the examples in the professional/technical section would have greater use of this sort of program because of the variety of multimedia. For example, the singer/songwriter can upload a song of hers, an artist can show off his portfolio, interesting things like that, whereas I would not have anything so interesting to show off.

What will you use in your Visual CV?

In my Visual CV I will include a picture of myself, my educational background at Nipissing, my work experience, especially highlighting this coming summer where I will be working in British Columbia at Zajac Ranch for Children - a camp for children with chronic illnesses and disabilities because this involvement will be crucial to my personal growth and teaching experience. Furthermore, I will include documentation (pictures, letters) from the workshops and education conferences I have attended, as well as letters of reference from previous employers and ATs. I may also include documents I have completed throughout my education classes such as my classroom management plan, philosophy of education, and a sample lesson plan.

What caught your eye?

It caught my eye for people to have their portraits on their Visual CVs because it puts a face to the name and accomplishments in a way that a resume does not, and an employer has no idea what the person they are learning about looks like until an interview. Although I suppose this could be both a positive or negative aspect depending on the employer and any biases they have themselves.

What did you learn just by viewing examples?

By viewing the examples I learned that Visual CVs are very flexible and can be used by, and are useful for a large range of people in different fields. I also noticed that people can portray aspects of their personality more easily than through a regular paper resume, depending on what type of documents, videos, pictures, etc. they include, and the colours and layout they choose.