

Reflection on Resume Examples

What did you see that you liked? Didn't like? Why or why not? What will you use in your Visual CV? What caught your eye? What did you learn just by viewing examples?

I really liked the resumes that I saw on VisualCV. One of the biggest draws for me was how professional yet interactive each resume was. Being able to see the photo and contact information at the very top of the page was eye catching and engaging and made me want to look further at the information. After reading the summary of some of the examples it was easy to just scroll down and have all of the information of that one person on one page.

One of the most interesting parts of this website for me were the tabs on the right side of the page where any interests other information and pictures, were available. The biggest dislike that I have with paper resumes is that I was always told that it had to be kept to two pages or less. Within that page length it is hard to include all of the information that I want to help convey a clear picture of all of my skills and experiences. Sometimes I want to include pictures of myself or the work I have done with my students, and it does not fit in my resume. Having the option of having extra tabs on the side of the page makes it easier to display all of those extra artifacts that will really enhance and 'show off' what I am capable of.

What caught my eye with the webpage was how user friendly it seems to be and also how interactive. The website itself so far has not been difficult or confusing, which is a breath of fresh air because some interactive websites are very difficult. Some examples I viewed had pictures of buildings that they had co-constructed and I could click on the picture and view a large version of the image. If I clicked on the email listed it brought up my mailbox and opened a new message addressed to that person. This is exciting because it makes it easier if you want to contact anyone that seems interesting, it can be done with one click. I was on one particular resume example and I clicked on the name of the university that person attended and a new window came up of the homepage of that university.

I learned by viewing the samples that I can also put videos and documents that I created on my CV to enhance my resume. This is great to really showcase myself and what I am capable of

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