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HIGHLIGHTS

Professional Achievements

- Wrote and/or edited three books, including the leading text in the field of information architecture: *Information Architecture for the World Wide Web* (O'Reilly & Associates, 1998), Amazon.com's "Best Internet Book of 1998". More than 100,000 copies sold; translated into Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, and Spanish. Second edition published in August, 2002; third edition published in November, 2006.
- Regular columnist for three different publications (*Internet World*, *Web Review*, and *CIO Webbusiness*).
- Regular presenter and moderator at industry conferences on information architecture and related issues.
- Named a "Technology Pioneer" by *Crain's Detroit Business* (March 2000).
- A primary organizer of information architecture's first three industry conferences (ASIS&T's IA Summits 2000 and 2001, ACIA's IA 2001).
- Designed and co-taught what were likely academia's first courses on finding Internet-based information and designing Internet-based information systems (University of Michigan, 1993-1994).

Business Growth

- Founded and operates *Rosenfeld Media, LLC*, an innovative publishing house focused on publishing short, practical books on user experience design.
- Operates *Louis Rosenfeld, LLC*, a profitable solo consulting and seminars business, working with Ford, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Accenture, Caterpillar, the Ford Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control, and other clients.
- Founded and bootstrapped Argus Associates into recognized market leader in information architecture consulting. World-class clientele included AT&T, Compaq, CSC, DaimlerChrysler, Dow Chemical, Ernst & Young, Ford, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Johnson & Johnson,

L.L. Bean, Microsoft, Morningstar, Motorola, Procter & Gamble, and the Weather Channel. Managed sustained growth to 37 employees with annual revenues of \$3.8 million, while maintaining significant profitability for seven consecutive years.

Team and Community Building

- Developed the leading information architecture team in the world at *Argus Associates*, recruiting interdisciplinary professionals from as far as Australia and attaining exceptional loyalty and dedication with exceptionally low turnover.
- Co-founded the *Information Architecture Institute*, the first organization dedicated to serving information architecture professionals. Established in 2002 as a 501(c)6 corporation; now serving over 1,400 members in over 80 countries.
- Co-founded the *User Experience Network (UXnet)*, a network for promoting cross-disciplinary cooperation and collaboration among user experience-related disciplines, organizations, and professionals.
- Helped develop the *ACIA (Argus Center for Information Architecture)*, the leading source of content and events for the information architecture community.
- Recognized as a tireless advocate of the emerging field of information architecture and of the value of librarianship and information science principles in the digital age.

EXPERIENCE

2005-present **Rosenfeld Media, LLC** Brooklyn, New York
Founder and Publisher
 Innovative publishing house focused on user experience-related topics. Five books under development as of mid-2007; first published book due in November, 2007.

2001-present **Louis Rosenfeld, LLC** Brooklyn, New York
Principal
 “Solo” consulting operation, providing strategic information architecture consulting and seminars to such clients as Ford, Hewlett-Packard, Accenture, Caterpillar, NCAA, J. Walter Thompson, and the Centers for Disease Control.

1990–2001 **Argus Associates** Ann Arbor, Michigan
President and Co-Founder
 Built Argus Associates into one of the leading information architecture consulting firms in the world.

- From 1994-2000, average annual growth rate of 85%.
- One of twenty businesses to receive a Washtenaw Development Council “Fast Track” award in recognition of rapid growth.
- Designated “One of Michigan’s Best Small Businesses” of 1996 by Michigan Small Business Development Centers.
- Company growth achieved despite no external investment.
- Successfully sold a new and abstract service to some of the world’s largest corporations.
- Recruited staff from all over the United States and overseas against backdrop of an exceptionally tight labor market.
- Created a supportive and intellectually stimulating work environment that included a broad benefits program and numerous professional development opportunities.

2000-2001 **Argus Associates** Ann Arbor, Michigan

Director, Argus Center for Information Architecture (ACIA)

- Helped develop portal web site for information architecture community, featuring original content (e.g., white papers, events calendar) and a mailing list of more than 3,000 subscribers.
- Frequently interviewed members of the information architecture community.
- Created regular series of surveys for the information architecture community with response rates averaging more than 200 per survey.

1993-2001 **Argus Clearinghouse** Ann Arbor, Michigan

Founder and Director

- Founded a pioneering and widely acclaimed Internet search directory, with more than 1.25 million hits per month.
- Continues to be operational with minimal maintenance.

1993-1994 **University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, Michigan

Instructor, School of Information

- Designed and co-taught graduate-level courses on finding information on the Internet and designing Internet-based information systems.
- Many students leveraged class experience into Internet-focused careers.

1991-1993 **University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, Michigan

Project Director/Technology Manager, School of Information

- Designed and implemented Verity TOPIC-based information retrieval systems to support research, classroom instruction, and operations.
- Implemented improvements in hardware, software, and network infrastructures.
- Coordinated staff training.
- Frequent guest lecturer on community information systems, Verity TOPIC software, and Internet-related topics.

1991-1993 **University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, Michigan

Assistant Librarian, University Library

- Co-designed and implemented Gopher-based academic information system and collection development policy.
- Assisted in that system's data collection and management, and in user training.

- Worked with library staff and School of Information and Library Studies faculty to develop joint programs.

1990-1991 **University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, Michigan
Research Scientist, College of Engineering

- Surveyed text management software market for selection of software to support collaboration technology text base.
- Built Verity TOPIC-based prototype system.

EDUCATION

1993–1994 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Completed four semesters' course work in doctoral program.
- Instructor, 1993-1994.
- Wallace Bonk Scholarship recipient, 1993.

1988–1990 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Masters, Information and Library Studies.
- Margaret Mann Award recipient, 1990.

1983–1987 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

- B.A., History.
- University Honors Program, 1983-1985.
- University of Michigan Alumni Association Scholarship, 1983.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Boards

- Information Architecture Institute (www.iainstitute.org).
- Polyphasic, Inc. (www.polyphasic.com), Okemos, Michigan.
- Techstreet.com (www.techstreet.com), Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- University of Washington Content Management Systems Evaluation Lab (connection.ischool.washington.edu/cmsslabs/), Seattle, Washington.
- User Experience Network (www.uxnet.org).
- Webcriteria (www.webcriteria.com), Portland, Oregon.
- Zingermans.com (www.zingermans.com), Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Alumni Board

- University of Michigan School of Information (www.si.umich.edu), Ann Arbor, Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society for Information Science and Technology

- American Institute of Graphic Arts
- ACM SIGCHI (Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction)
- Information Architecture Institute
- Society for Technical Communication

PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS

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