

Tony Smith

Internet Analyst

MSc Melbourne Science-Technology-Society
BSc Melbourne Computing Mathematics Statistics

1997-current

Design and development of mostly CGI back end software for employer and client web sites, particularly for publishing and publication distribution, including:

Distribution Alliance International <http://www.distalliance.com/> (secure client services site).

Webmastery our own specialty internet hosting service operating from Netspace's SpaceCentre colocation facility <http://www.spacecentre.com.au/> (secure hosting support systems).

Niche Media (formerly WaivCom, Waiviata) <http://www.niche.com.au/> (major surviving site: <http://www.welcome-to.com/>).

TransForum <http://www.transforum.net/> my own forum software originally deployed for several clients around 1999 and still operating.

OnTarget Group <http://www.ontarget.com.au/>

Mietta's Australian Restaurants <http://www.miettas.com/>

Australian Institute of Banking and Finance <http://www.aibf.com.au/> in conjunction with Climate Software <http://www.climate.com.au/>

My own, always under construction, independent complex systems research-related sites <http://www.twistet.com/> and <http://www.meme.com.au/>

1991-97

Through the period in which the internet became commercial, a variable mixture of industry analysis and semi-professional administration of community organisations, including:

Broad ongoing involvement with Docklands Science Park, particularly with regard to assessment of intellectual property claims of information technology ventures. (1991-97 was the most active part of an off and on involvement 1985-current.)

Two presentations at WebLink Indonesia '96 in Jakarta <http://www.meme.com.au/papers/Jakarta/>

Joint presentation at Meckler Media's Internet World in Sydney in 1995 based on my "Internet Business" research paper <http://www.meme.com.au/papers/NetBusi/NetBusi.html>

Coordinator of *Education and Technology Convergence* report for the National Board of Employment, Education and Training 1995. Published as Tinkler et al, AGPS, Canberra, 1996.

"Why The Web" my 1994 research paper within MSc program.

"Computer-Based Education and Communications" report for Open Learning Australia 1994.

"Demand for Broadband Services in the Education Sector" report for Australian Government's Broadband Services Expert Group 1994.

Effectiveness and Potential of State-of-the-Art Technologies in the Delivery of Higher Education report for the Minister for Higher Education 1992. Published as Tinkler, Smith et al, AGPS, Canberra, 1994.

Senior officer of North West Cricket Association <http://www.nwca.asn.au/> (site currently preserved for historic reference).

Senior officer of Strathmore Sports Club through the construction and early operation of the club's social facilities <http://www.ssc.asn.au/> (site currently preserved for historic reference).

Manager of two self help groups for innovators, Clever Country Cooperative and Electric Grapevine, which did not outlive the recession of the early 1990s.

1985-90

Founded in 1985, and headed through 1990, desktop publishing technology distributor PICA Pty Ltd, dealing with numerous international suppliers, most notably Adobe, Quark and then brand name image scanner and large screen manufacturers, local dealers and cutting edge clients. PICA employed over 20 persons at its peak. PICA also represented a portfolio of technical suppliers, including Wolframs. (The distribution business continues viably today as Pica Software, albeit with different products.)

Regular travel to visit suppliers facilitated participation in international conferences on human interface, collaborative systems and adjacent fields.

Organised first meeting of independent PostScript developers in San Francisco in 1987 which led to contributing the final chapter to *Real World PostScript* Roth, ed. Addison-Wesley, 1988.

1982-85

Design and business planning for a never funded project to develop a "Public Information Communications and Access" (PICA) System, concurrently with work for IT publications and events, including:

Conference organiser Australian Macworld Expo 1985.

Associate editor *Australian Macworld* 1985.

Associate editor *Australian Micro Computerworld* 1983-84.

Organiser of government-supported conference of the embryonic Australian computer manufacturing industry 1983.

Organiser of professional development seminar on data networking for Management Technology Education 1983.

Associate editor *Computerworld Australia* 1982.

Presenter at above and similar conferences.

The PICA System was envisaged to be something like what the internet has become. That experience focused attention on intellectual property, venture capital and related business development issues which in turn influenced the focus of my writing and event work, at least until an early introduction to Adobe's PostScript in 1985 presented a window of opportunity for the years it took the academic internet to mature into a viable foundation for the commercial internet.

1965-81

Professional career as a mostly mainframe systems analyst and programmer with a 4 year break teaching secondary mathematics while completing undergraduate studies.

Referees

John Martin, Docklands Science Park, 03 9696 9762

Mike Dewhirst, Climate Software, 03 9751 0753

(Others can be provided.)

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