

# Jason Ward

Always looking for work

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## Summary

Years of experience as a journalist in the field of electronics, games and music. Skilled in the area of customer service and relations. Comprehensive and thorough knowledge of computers, consumer electronics, game devices, publishing companies and gaming culture in general. Fluent in Finnish and English (written and spoken). Excellent people skills.

Also a skilled and accomplished musician; primary instruments being guitar, bass, keyboards, saxophone and harmonica. Professionally taught singer. Years of experience with engineering, mixing and producing music. A lifetime of being on stage under the belt.

Moderate experience in performing arts; including stage work (actor, writer, composer and producer), films and music videos (actor, composer, producer, editor) and improvisational theatre.

## Specialties

"I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by." -- Douglas Adams

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## Experience

### **Freelancer at Pelaaja Magazine**

February 2013 - Present (2 months)

Finland's sexiest video game magazine. I write game reviews and articles for the magazine as well as their online components; Peliplaneetta.net and Pelaajalehti.com.

### **Producer, host, writer, composer at Nelinperi.com**

August 2012 - Present (8 months)

Finnish entertainment website centered around video games and gaming culture. Alongside our popular podcast we provide an ever-expanding wealth of videos, blogs, comics and the like.

### **Host at Nelinperi Podcast**

March 2012 - Present (1 year 1 month)

Biweekly video game podcast with a multitude of segments detailing the twists and turns of the gaming industry. Our position on iTunes' Finnish podcast charts ebbs and flows at the top tier.

### **Freelancer at Mediapalvelut**

2005 - Present (8 years)

Written works primarily for online gaming websites such as eDome and Lumonetti, featuring news, articles and reviews.

*1 recommendation available upon request*

**Freelancer at Inferno Magazine**

2002 - August 2011 (9 years)

Finnish rock and metal magazine with news, articles, interviews and reviews. My skills were utilised primarily in the latter two departments.

**Game Sales at Verkkokauppa.com**

January 2006 - October 2010 (4 years 10 months)

Customer service, game shop upkeep, product range management, maintaining timetables and shipment flow.

*8 recommendations available upon request*

**Freelancer at KonsoliFIN**

September 2005 - February 2009 (3 years 6 months)

Online console gaming site with news and reviews. I mainly wrote reviews.

**Editor, Translator at Euromedia**

2003 - 2004 (1 year)

Publishing house for such gaming magazines as Pelimestari and Finland's PC Zone. I wrote everything from reviews to in-depth articles. Additionally undertook a great wealth of translation work (fin-eng-fin).

**Publicist at Malmitalo**

January 2000 - September 2000 (9 months)

Civil Service.

**Assistant at Helsingin Lukukeskus**

November 1999 - January 2000 (3 months)

Civil Service.

**Youth Counselor at Pikku-Huopalahti's Youth Center**

January 1999 - October 1999 (10 months)

**Student at Pikku-Huopalahti's Art Shop**

August 1998 - January 1999 (6 months)

**Freelancer at Mikrobitti**

1996 - 1998 (2 years)

Finland's largest computer and consumer electronics magazine. Got my first break in the writing biz with MikroBitti, working on game reviews and features for their online component of yore (MBnet).

## Projects

### **Wall of Sound**

September 2012 to September 2012

Members: Jason Ward

A mash-up of songs I've recorded in my home studio for various projects. All instruments, vocals and mixing duties were handled by me on all songs. Enjoy!

### **Children of Tomorrow**

March 2012 to March 2012

Members: Jason Ward

A small treatment for an introductory sequence to a video game, originally written as a proof-of-concept while applying for a position as a screenwriter.

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## Languages

**Finnish**

**English**

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## Skills & Expertise

**Publishing**

**Magazines**

**Music Production**

**Engineering**

**Screenwriting**

**Copywriting**

**Graphic Design**

**Podcasting**

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## Education

**Käpylän ammattioppilaitos**

ADP, Electronics, 1998 - 1999

**LYK**

Comprehensive School, 1993 - 1996

**Lauttasaaren peruskoulu**

Grammar School, 1987 - 1993

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## Honors and Awards

Verkkokauppa.com - Finnish Game Retailer of the Year 2008

Awarded by FIGMA

Verkkokauppa.com - Finnish Game Retailer of the Year 2006

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## Interests

Writing in all its glorious forms, music and sound design, music production and studio equipment, computer & video games, graphic novels, painting and computer graphics, website creation, film and theatre.

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## 9 people have recommended Jason

"A high quality writer."

— **Jukka Kauppinen**, *Owner, editor-in-chief, Mediapalvelut*, managed Jason at Mediapalvelut

"Jason was the first person to ask about games in general in Verkkokauppa.com. He has played games for a very long time on different platforms and lots of different titles, so he has a huge amount of experience in that field. He also has contacts in the gaming world and plenty of knowledge about hardware, which is important specially with PC games. I would recommend him anytime as a sales manager or similar in any company which has something to do with the gaming business."

— **Janne Saari**, *Swedish end english sales, Verkkokauppa.com*, worked with Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"Jason is an enthusiastic fellow with passion for the business and great communication skills. He is great with all sorts of customer groups and is truly a good face outwards for our gaming department."

— **Kaapo Qvick**, *Product Manager, Verkkokauppa.com*, worked with Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"Jason is professional guy and easy to work with. He is very interested in gaming and he has a good overall knowledge of gaming industry!"

— **Henri Kakko**, *Sales Representative, Electronic Arts Finland Oy*, was a consultant or contractor to Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"Jason is a highly enthusiastic professional gaming specialist and a pleasure to work with. A very good and up to date knowledge on the gaming industry."

— **Antti Salakari**, *Game Sales Expert, Verkkokauppa.com*, worked directly with Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"Jason has excelled in every aspect in gaming and game related matters. I can literally recommend him for any job or affair related to games and the industry."

— **Aleksi Blomqvist**, *Warehouse worker, Verkkokauppa.com*, worked directly with Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"Jason is a professional in the retail field, and has extensive knowledge and understanding of the gaming industry. I have personally worked with Jason with PlayStation products, his enthusiasm and professional

approach has added value to our relationship with one of our key accounts Verkkokauppa."

— **Suman Rath**, *Marketing Manager, PlayStation*, was a consultant or contractor to Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"It's a joy to work with Jason. He is efficient and creative person. He also has a good sense of humour. As a game salesman he knows a lot of games from far past to upcoming ones."

— **Kim Blomqvist**, *Warehouse worker / Storeman, Verkkokauppa.com*, worked with Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

"Jason is hard-working, trustworthy and achieving employee at Verkkokauppa.com's game sales in Helsinki"

— **Samuli Seppälä**, *CEO, Verkkokauppa.com*, managed Jason at Verkkokauppa.com

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