

### Create Your 1<sup>st</sup> Resume Compilation of Experiences

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## How to Develop a Resume

- Analyze Job Description
  - Highlight key words, skills, qualifications, etc.
- Generate List of Accomplishments
  - Tasks that you enjoyed, did well, are proud of
  - Include education, volunteer experience, jobs, projects, school assignments, etc.
- Identify Relevant Skills
  - Frame experiences so they align with those in job description
  - Write descriptive phrases with action verbs (past tense)
- Choose a format
  - Choose appropriate Resume Components

#### It is essential to tailor your resume for specific jobs



### Name / Address / Contact information

- Put your name in at least font size 14.
- Include your professional email address: <u>John.doe@sdsu.edu</u>
- Don't include multiple phone No., fax No., email numbers.
- Make sure your voicemail message is professional.

### **Objective or Summary of Qualifications**

- Definitely include a clearly targeted job objective.
- Avoid State of the Union language. Be specific!
- Weave a statement based on the job description and your skills.

#### Education

- First section on your resume.
- If you transferred from a community college list it after your current school.
- Include your GPA as long as it is above 3.0.

### Courses Studied Or "Relevant Coursework" or "Academic Experience

- This is an optional section
- Add courses relevant to job you are applying to. Senior Electives!
- List courses outside your major/school that are relevant to the job or internship

#### **Professional Experience**

- Internships, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.
- Include non-engineering jobs to illustrate you are responsible and reliable
- Word non-engineering jobs in a way by listing duties and accomplishment
  - Use action verbs: Researched, Designed, Planned, Managed, Modified, Saved, Ensured, Increased/decreased, Recommended, Oversaw
  - For example:
    - "Cooked burgers & fries all day long" VS.
    - "Prepared quality and delicious burgers & fries on daily basis, while ensuring customer satisfaction. Introduced new measures that reduced the cooking time while saving the company \$50K per year"

### Skills and affiliations



- Computer Skills: software
- Interpersonal Skills: leadership, mentorship, team-player, etc.
- Technical Skills: machining, programming, etc.
- Professional Affiliation: ASME, TBP, SAE, etc.

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#### **Resume Action Verbs**

Management Skills	Communication Skills	Research Skills	Technical Skills	Teaching Skills	Financial Skills	Creative Skills	Helping Skills	Clerical or Detail Skills	Other Verbs
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### Resume Do's and Don'ts

#### DO

- Tailor your resume
- Make resume relevant and concise
- Use bullet points
- Focus on specific results of work, significant achievements, recognition
- Use action verbs
- Fit in 1 page and easy to read
- Spell Check

#### **DON'T**

- Use phrases like "Responsibilities included"
- Include routine job duties like "making copies"
- Use long or vague sentences or paragraphs
- Submit the same resume to every employer
- List high school experience
- Use pronouns (I, we, they)

### **Resume Checklist**

- Is your name, address, city, state, zip code, phone number and email address at the top?
- Is the resume pleasing to the eye with an easy to read font, good layout? Can an employer learn the basics about you with a 10 second glance at it?
- Did you use bullets, bold, all capitals, and underlining to highlight the parts you want to emphasize (e.g., job titles)?
- Did you tailor your resume for the position?
- Is information listed in order of importance and relevance to the job requirements?
- Does the resume avoid generalities and provide specific information?
- Do most phrases begin with action verbs?
- Have you been accurate and truthful about your accomplishments?
- Did you check the spelling of every word and make sure the grammar and punctuation are correct?
- If you know your resume will be scanned, did you omit columns, underlining, and bullets?
- If you were the employer, would you call you for an interview?

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Resume must be easy to read and grab the reader's attention in 20-30 sec!