

KEYSTONE EDUCATIONAL DESIGN

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Keystone Educational Design is a core of qualified professionals dedicated to the educational and training applications of videotex. Members of the company have been involved with computer-delivered information since 1980.

Keystone gives attention to the following key areas:

Procedures: Organizing and structuring material covered in a course or training package is an important consideration prior to production. Information must be formatted in such a way that the medium does not interfere with content delivery. Keystone has developed procedures for pre- and post-production which ensure content continuity and facilitate final production.

Scripting: Writing copy for this medium requires an understanding of formal considerations. Content written for a printed publication is invariably unsuitable for a computer-delivered format.

Graphics: Students, trainees and the public will be learning from information that appears on the computer screen. Much of the material absorbed and the interaction that takes place will be dependent on the quality and effectiveness of the visual display. Incorrect use of colour, disorganization of layout, cramped column spacing and confusing imagery may evoke totally misleading concepts.

EXPERIENCE

Keystone's concern with creating comprehensive videotex packages of the highest quality in written and visual content is reflected in the work it has produced, including:

- Feasibility studies
- Research
- Scriptwriting
- Editing
- Imagery development

The finished packages reflect the use of effective communication strategies, including:

- Workable concept
- Concise scripting and structure
- Appropriate graphic imagery
- Organized design and layout
- Defined visual continuity

Keystone has developed public information packages for various departments of the Nova Scotia government. It researched, wrote, designed and implemented the Driver's Quiz and the Consumer Energy Information with Quiz (both on the QUESTEL database).

Content feasibility studies have been done for Sheridan College, Ontario, to assess the potential of using videotape, videodisc and videotex for computer delivery of curricula. Currently the firm is completing Phase 1 of a large in-house package for Counselling Services, Sheridan College. Its involvement includes overall design and continuity, imagery style, structuring, flow charting and production.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Lectures on designing and writing for computer-delivered material have been given to Halifax Regional Libraries, Nova Scotia, and Sheridan College. Published articles include writing for Videotex Canada, August 1983. Keystone is currently writing a book on the subject of design and communication using computer-generated displays.

Keystone has developed and is marketing a unique, interactive 300 screen-page course based on the fundamentals of visual communication. The content is device independent and covers typography, use of colour, image techniques and basic layout principles. A series of exercises reinforces course content while increasing operator speed. Well suited for independent in-house training, Keystone also offers on-site supporting lectures, seminars and workshops if desired.

Services include:

- Feasibility studies
- Content evaluation, pre-production
- Consultation, lectures and workshops:
 - the medium
 - the hardware
 - production procedures
 - writing techniques
 - graphic design, visual communication
- Complete package development from initial concept to final production using strategies outlined above.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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