

# Makes Words Work, LLC

## Paul Williams Backgrounder

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Before forming *Makes Words Work* in 2009, Paul Williams essentially had two careers. Already a success in various corporate IT departments working as either a software engineer or a technical writer, he incorporated *Eternity's Jest Records* in 1996 as a vehicle for his band, Quarkspace. Concurrently with running his music-related projects, he has spent the 21<sup>st</sup> century as a successful technology consultant. The desire to start a writing practice - "with benefits" - led him to form *Makes Words Work, LLC*.

### Featured Accomplishments

- Engineered a state of the art implementation of the Google Search Appliance for the Ohio Department of Education's Instructional Management System (IMS).
- Led development on a .NET desktop application to improve the vehicle crash data entry process for the Ohio Department of Public Safety
- Lead developer on an AJAX-enabled .NET web application for cataloging, rating and scheduling professional development programs for the Ohio Department of Education.
- Served as producer and recording engineer for over 15 albums by Quarkspace and other groups.
- Writer/Columnist/Reviewer for *Progression Magazine* from 1997-2001.
- Lead developer on a process re-engineering team responsible for the implementation of an imaging/workflow system for Integrity Life Insurance Company.

### Selected Skills

- Web Development
- Technical Writing
- Project Management
- Business Analysis
- Software Engineering
- Feature Writing
- Music Composition and Production
- Graphic Design

### Selected Tools

- Microsoft Office (entire suite)
- Open Office.org 3.1 (entire suite)
- Pro Tools 7
- Corel Graphics Suite
- Microsoft Visio
- Sound Forge

### Programming Languages

- C#
- C, C++, Objective-C (iPhone Development)
- Visual Basic, VB.NET
- Javascript
- Ruby, Rails
- SQL (SQL Server, Oracle, MySQL)

### Philosophy

*"Spending the last decade helping companies as a consultant, I saw how well-designed and well-written software could improve the way people work. The desire to help people, combined with my love for both writing and the entrepreneurial spirit led me to form Makes Words Work, LLC" - Paul Williams*