

# ALAN PENTLAND

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Curriculum Vitae

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## Highlights

- **Hoax speaker** Australasian Document & Online Content conference (ADOC) Sydney
- Wrote/performed **Darwin's Evolutionary Steeplechase**: Best Animation *Sydney Film Festival, Mountain Festival - Colorado, Nashville Film Festival.*
- Senior writer/core cast /Script Executive tv comedy **Fast Forward** – won 2 Logies Awards and 2 AWGies
- Established Bid Centre and Presentation Training Unit for KAZ Group (Victoria) – Telstra High Achievement Award nominee

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## Experience Summary

### IT Professional – KAZ Group Pty Ltd – Victoria (2000 – present)

- Technical Writer /Editor/ Bid Specialist
- Established Bid Centre KAZ Victoria, with personal responsibility for:
  - bid development and production
  - establishing bid collateral database
  - creating and maintaining word templates
- Established Presentation Training unit as personal initiative, providing training in Presentation techniques, writing Executive Summaries and Advanced PowerPoint
- Telstra - Extreme Achievement Award Nominee

### Performer

- Various hoax speeches, including Australasian Document & Online Content conference (ADOC)
- Cast member of sketch comedy show "**Fast Forward**" HSV 7[4 years] including regular characters, Ferret and Handy Sam.
- Established and compered at **Le Joke** Melbourne first successful stand-up comedy club.
- Actor in features films: "**The Clinic**", "**Oz**".
- Guest roles in tv dramas "**Stingers**", "**Prisoner**".
- Various corporate videos including for Australia Post and Kodak.

## Script/Copy Writer

Wrote national radio campaigns for **Rinnai** during years 2001-2004

Various script/copy writing projects including:

- ANZ Making of... doco & Intensive Care promo video - **M & C Saatchi**
- Wrote, directed & edited “**MI - 2**” corporate video spoof for Lion Nathan
- Wrote **Jupiter** show for Planetarium at Scienceworks.
- Developed and wrote corporate videos promoting the **Retirement Village Association** for Artist Services.
- Comedy script for International AXA conference
- Jobscene training videos (10) for Optus Vision tv.
- M.C.'s speech for Hewlett Packard product release
- Full length cabaret show for Yellow Pages sales conference
- Interactive dialogue for multi-media production (CD-ROM) for Metro Magazine

**Darwin's Evolutionary Steeplechase** – Best Animation: Sydney Film Festival, Colorado Mountain Festival (1999), Nashville Film Festival (2000).

**Fast Forward** [4 years] - Comedy sketches for sketch comedy show  
Received two Writers Guild awards and two Logies.

## Television Director

Directed unit filming location sketches for tv show **Full Frontal** - produced by Artist Services. [3 years]

Directed unit filming location sketches for comedy tv shows:

- Something Stupid - HSV Seven
- Get a Life - Thecomedychanel.

Directed filming of testimonial video for superannuation industry leader Mavis Robertson (Artist Services). Wrote & directed short doco-drama for Retirement Village Association (Artist Services).

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## Summary

Alan began professional work as a live comic writer and performer while studying **Architecture** at **University of Melbourne**. He produced several successful cabaret shows soon after graduation, and set up and ran stand up comedy club “Le Joke”.

Alan was then lured to television as a writer/performer, first with Daryl Somers then on **Fast Forward**. He developed editing and administrative skills as a script executive then as a television director.

Meanwhile he managed to balance work in entertainment with periods of documentation writing and editing, including over 6 years with IT services provider KAZ (a Telstra subsidiary). The combination of technical aptitude and entertainment experience has proved invaluable for Alan in various corporate roles as a writer, innovator, team builder, presenter and trainer.