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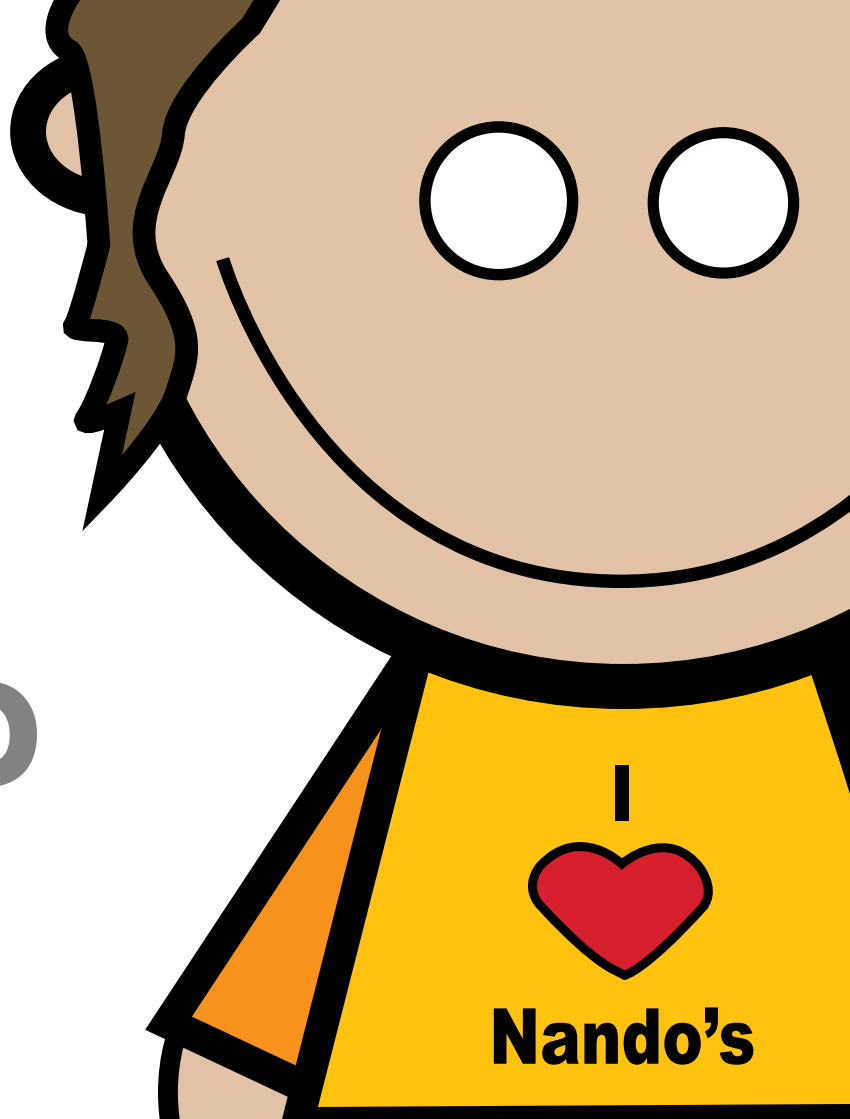
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Hello, and thank you for taking the time to take a look through my digital portfolio

My name is Chris Gillen I am a graphic designer based in Nottingham looking for freelance, full time or part time graphic design work. I enjoy all aspects of graphic design and as you will see I am proficient in many applications to create work which is both engaging and stylish

I hope that you enjoy viewing my work and that the final page of this portfolio is useful to you

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For my end of year project at University, myself and fellow graduate designer
Richard Darling decided to help the Fashion students by branding their show

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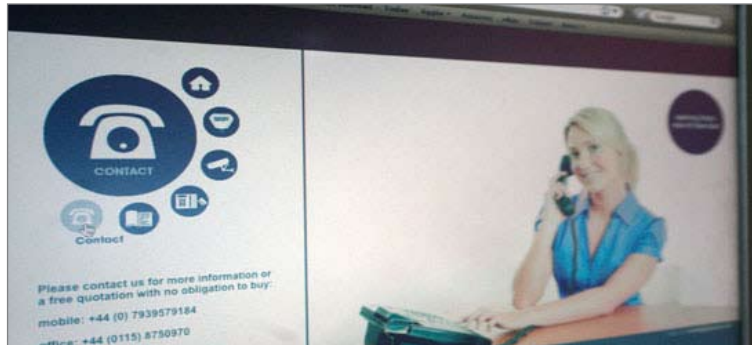**chrisgillen**
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Project: The branding included a logo, booklet, tickets, leaflets (not shown) and a web site. I also decided to take some photographs of the show for the benefit of the students

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/maximum security

I have created all branding for Maximum Security, a small home security
company based in Nottingham, which provides alarm, cctv and access systems

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Project: The branding included a logo, business cards, bell box, leaflets and a web site. The idea behind the logo was to show strength in Maximum with use of bolder type and caring in Security by 'protecting' the house with in the letter 'c'
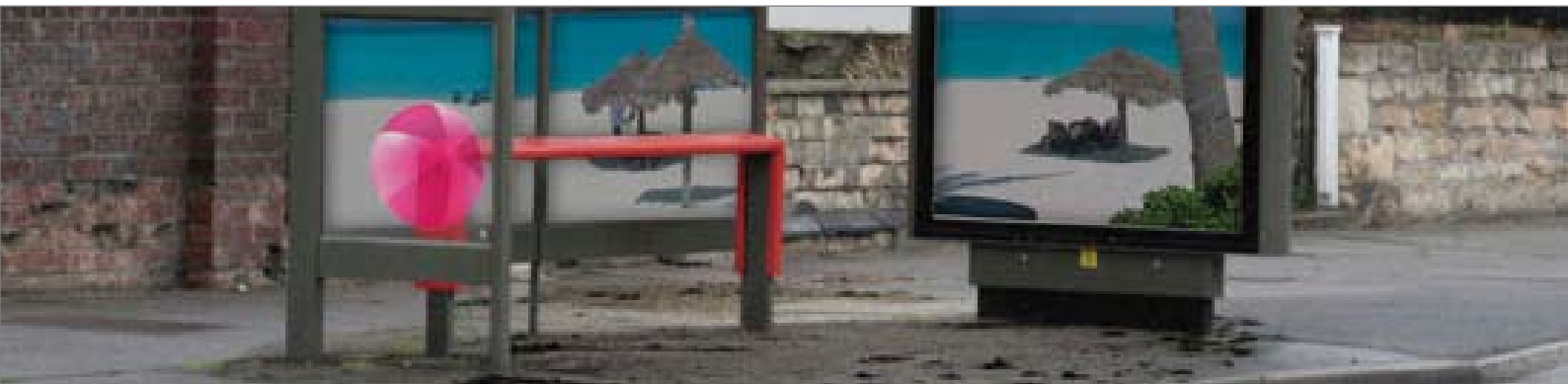
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/tokyo:ocean

tokyo:ocean was the end of year project for my very first year of University and although it was one of my first main pieces of work I still like the overall design behind it

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Project: The branding for a made up company, based in London, that had three floors consisting of a restaurant, a coffee bar and an art gallery. Each floor is shown as a circle on the logo, a cucumber, a coffee stain and a splatter of paint
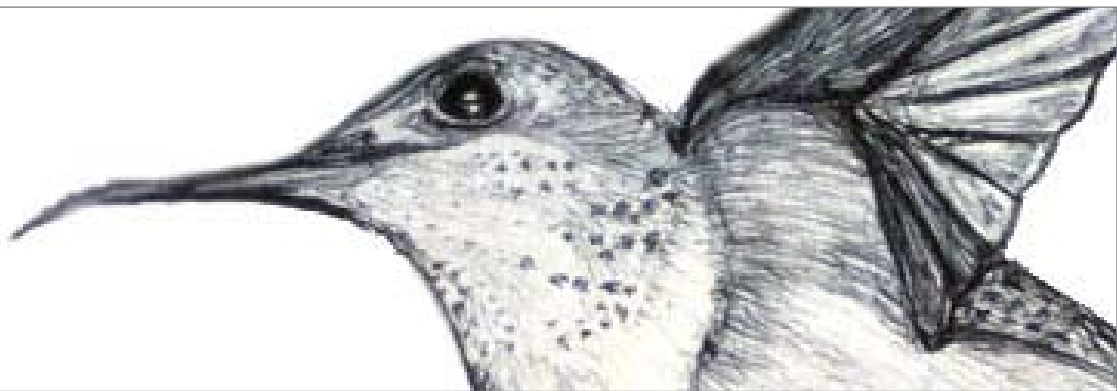
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My favourite form of communication is advertising, trying to sell a product and hoping to draw enough attention to it that people will actually buy it...great fun...

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Left: An advert for the Department of Transport attempting to encourage people to talk more on public transport
Right: Lastminute.com, trying to place people in the advert, in this case turning a bus stop into a beach resort complete with sand
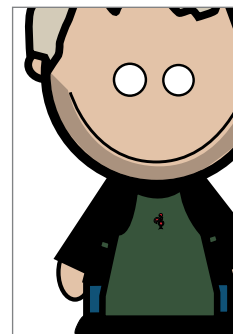
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I love to draw and often randomly doodle when sitting on a train or just bored at home. Here's a selection of work done either on Photoshop, Illustrator and by hand or a happy combination of all 3
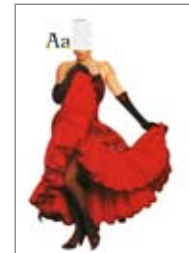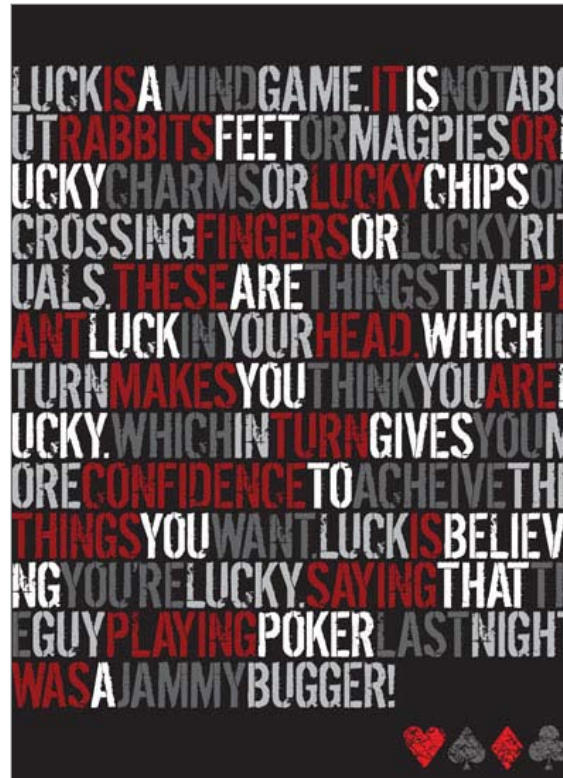
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Church: Hand drawn in pencil then Photoshopped onto background. **Bike:** Hand drawn then put into Photoshop to colour and place on back ground. **Cartoon man:** Illustrator. **Man:** Hand drawn, pencil. **Eye:** Photoshopped elements. **Bird:** Hand drawn with a ball point pen
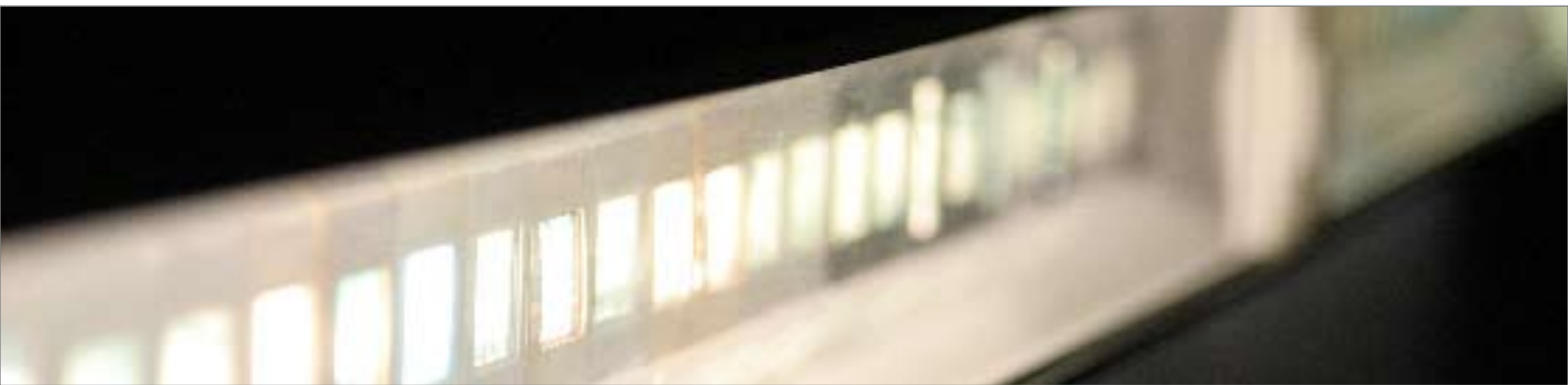
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I've come to really enjoy type. Seems weird I know but where would we be without it? Still drawing pictures to communicate? I guess that would suit me quite well too. Here's some work in which type is used to convey a message

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Center: Poster based on what I think luck is. **Left and far right**: This university project was set to encourage people to be more interested in and learn about type classification. I used fashion as inspiration as different type classes are like different clothing styles. Images show Transitional, Modern, Latin and Sans Serif

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Here is a small selection of photographs which I have taken

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Top left and right: Pictures of my brothers wedding day. A great opportunity for those chocolate box type pictures but still very stylish. **Bottom left:** Image showing perspective, adjusting the aperture which creates a strong blur between point of focus and background. **Bottom:** 'Stalking' photo for a project about stalking (the people in the picture were aware)

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/image capture

Here is a small selection of photographic type images captured in other ways
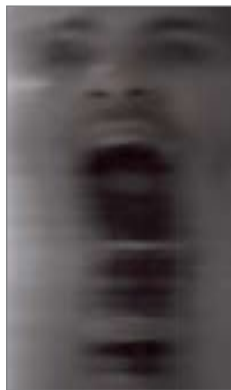
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Left and Top: Images captured using a pinhole camera
Bottom Right: Images captured using a scanner

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/print making

Print making is an art form I feel is not used enough in modern times, mainly I believe due to the invention of the printer. Here is a small selection of hand printed images
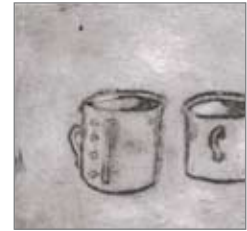
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Etching: All the images above were created by etching the designs into metal plates. Even though they were done awhile back my arm still aches which is why I believe the printer was invented, although I still really like the roughness and texture of these images. Other techniques I have experience with are Lino (which hurts even more) and Mono printing.

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I hope to hear from you soon!