



Edgar "Zig" Ziganowski

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Age: 39

Profession: Research Mathematical Statistician (GS-13), Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor

Education: B.S. in Mathematics

Location of Residence: Portland, Oregon

Marital Status: Married, wife Cesca

Children: 12-year-old son, 9-year-old daughter, 5-year-old son

Hobbies: History buff, particularly loves the Roman Empire

Computing Environment: at work; Dell Latitude D510 Notebook computer, T1. At home; Powerbook, iPod nano, Exilim camera, Blackberry, digital video recorder, cable modem and uses Firefox

User Type: beginner intermediate advanced expert 7 hours a day at work and home. He spends some time helping his children with homework and explains how to use the Internet safely.

Profile:

Zig lives with his wife and three children in Portland, Oregon. He owns a house near the Portland Zoo that is a lovely residential area of the city. Zig studied mathematics at Oregon State University while on a Navy ROTC scholarship. Upon graduation, he took a commission in the U.S. Navy as an ensign. Zig served for four years as a communications officer at the Sigonella Naval Air Station in Sicily, Italy. He met his wife in Sicily and they married there and then came back to the U.S after he was honorably discharged from the Navy. Outside of work, Zig is very involved with his children and their activities and currently coaches his son's soccer team.

Zig's civilian career began when he accepted a position as a statistician with the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the Portland, Oregon regional office, where he has worked for the past 13 years. Today, he works as a research mathematical statistician and serves as a technical expert.

Zig leads small teams in creating technical reports on mathematical statistical issues, computing methods, and procedures. He serves as both a mentor to junior statisticians and as an advisor to senior leadership in the Bureau.

Zig frequently delivers lectures and presentations at professional seminars and academic conferences. This involves frequent overtime work and regular travel, including several trips to Washington, DC. Zig is also involved in several professional statistical organizations to expand his professional network. His goal is to increase his salary and adverse to changing locations to "climb the ladder".

Internet Usage:

Zig is highly computer literate and is an admitted gadget-hound. The Federal government has provided him with the technology to take with him on the road when he travels.

Zig uses his computer extensively to write reports, analyze statistics, develop presentations, and draft communications to senior leadership. He subscribes to several RSS feeds and actively participates in scientific community blogs.

Zig is highly skilled in statistical and data visualization software. He uses many different programs such as Gsharp and AVS/Express in order to create graphics that convey his analysis and statistics.

In his spare time, Zig spends time with his family and he loves to take photos and shoot videos of their outings and excursions. He is always exploring new ways to use gadgets and likes to use his Powerbook to edit videos with iMovie. He also uses .Mac which allows him to post images, keep a family calendar, create his own webpage and do many other things online. He is sure to take time to teach his children about the Internet and the new technology he uses.

Since Zig is a history buff, he goes online to the History Channel web site to find shows and information on some of his favorite historical figures. He especially loves the Roman Empire and the stories of the Caesars. His favorite show on television is called "Rome" and he goes online to find out more information about the characters and plot of the show.

FirstGov.gov Usage Profile:

Four of five times a week

Needs from FirstGov.gov:

- Research education loans, grants, and scholarships that are available to him both as a veteran and as a current federal employee
- Research BLS statistics and other agency data
- Search for job opportunities at other statistical agencies throughout the government
- Subscribe to RSS feeds
- Download government forms, particularly for travel expense reimbursement
- Find community and state information about Portland, Oregon
- Help his children with homework
- Find information on touring historic battlefields, navy bases and other military sites while traveling across the country

Favorite web sites:

- www.fedstats.gov - researches data on FedStats.gov, the federal statistics portal with statistics from more than 100 agencies
- www.sicily.navy.mil/home.htm - reads the official homepage of the Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily to keep up with what's going on at his old navy base
- www.historychannel.com - looks up information on the Roman Empire and to keep track of what new programs are scheduled
- www.hbo.com/rome - reads information about his favorite series about the Roman Empire
- www.mac.com - posts photos, keeps a family calendar and maintains his own webpage

Personal and Professional Goals:

- Find other job opportunities within the Federal government where he can move up
- Increase his salary and is not adverse to changing locations to "climb the ladder"
- Consider going back to school for his Masters or PhD in Statistics
- Support his family and provide for his children's education