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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a talented frontend developer specialising in modern web applications, with broad programmatic knowledge suited to a wide range of projects. Javascript is my top language, in addition to which I am great at CSS, HTML and PHP. I also know Ruby, C, SQL, GraphQL and YAML because I'm a glutton for code. Besides this CV there's a portfolio of my work available to review if you like.

I have experience working with a variety of frameworks and libraries including React, Vue, Node, jQuery, D3 and three.js for Javascript, SASS/SCSS for CSS and Twig for PHP. I have hosted projects on AWS (EC2&S3), Netlify and generic Lamp servers, and have worked with AWS Lambda, Google Firebase and Stripe among a panoply of other services.

I am looking for a job where I can build web-apps all day, ideally interesting ones! Here's a link to an in-progress personal project I've been working on in my free time, a Trello/Jira-esqe productivity tool built in React, for which (seeing as there's no client involved) I can provide a codebase tour on request to demonstrate my programming style.

WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2018 – 04/2021: Front End Developer Concert Consulting LTD ("Concert, a Buck company" after acquisition in late 2020).

At Concert Consulting I was part of a team of three developers responsible for their entire digital portfolio, spanning more than 20 high profile corporate clients including RBS, BT, GE and several branches of UK local government. About 70% of my workload was creating and maintaining Twig based pension scheme websites while the remaining 30% was building web-apps using Vue and React, in both cases meeting the ISO 27001 standard for data security attractive to the sector.

I found web application work extremely rewarding because of the variety it offered, with projects at Concert encompassing everything from election portals and user surveys to personal pension visualisers and a bespoke video chatroom. Within the team I grew into the role of frontend web-app expert, leading research and development on these types of project, before eventually leaving the business to specialise further in that direction.

05/2018 - 07/2018: Freelance Developer Mages Group.

03/2018 - 09/2018: Freelance Developer Temple Homes Property LTD.

02/2018 - 10/2018: Freelance Developer Impact Mentoring.

01/2018 - 09/2018: Freelance Developer Wild Source Apothecary.

11/2017 - 11/2018: Freelance Developer Rhombus Studio.

I did freelance development in the Bristol area for about a year. This primarily involved Wordpress and Twig website work for small business clients, but also included creating a web-app for Impact Mentoring and setting up Rhombus Studio's AWS hosting and email infrastructure. The Impact Mentoring application is an internal tool used to manage hundreds of mentor-mentee appointments a week via a D3 drag and drop interface, resolving conflicts in their preexisting Trello database while preserving existing timetable distribution functionality.

07/2017 - 10/2017: Technical Support CableCom Networking.

06/2017 - 07/2017: Office Clerk Spiller Builders.

02/2017 - 05/2017: Technical Support QTAC Payroll Products.

I worked contract jobs while I taught myself HTML, CSS, Javascript and PHP, drawing on experience with C and C++ at university.

04/2016 - 02/2017: Assistant Store Manager Cath Kidston.

10/2014 - 04/2016: Sales Assistant/ Senior Sales Assistant Cath Kidston.

I worked in retail for a little over two years after leaving university, rising to the position of assistant manager in a dual-site outlet.

EDUCATION

A-Levels, June 2010 - 2012

Kingdown Community School (sixth form), Warminster, BA12

Physics: A Mathematics: A Further Mathematics: C

Higher Education, September 2012 - 2014 University of Bristol, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol, BS8

I studied Physics for two years but left the course due to a lack of

connection with the material.

GCSEs, June 2005 - 2010

Kingdown Community School, Warminster, BA12

Maths: A* Physics: A* Chemistry: A* Biology: A* English: A History: A

Business Studies: A English Literature: B

French: B

PERSONAL INTERESTS

I enjoy reading, writing, research and quasi-alliteration; in my free time I build computers, play video games and write code.