

Aaron Powell – Placement CV

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Education

BSC COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH YEAR IN INDUSTRY | 2017-2021 | UNIVERSITY OF KENT

- Achieved a high Distinction (**80%**) in the first year.
- 96% in Object Orientated Programming, as an introduction to java I gained the fundamentals I needed to understand programming and I am moving forward with an open mind to all languages, front-end or back-end!
- 90% in Databases and the Web. Learning that JavaScript can be used server side excited me about the use of libraries and the possibilities of programming languages.
- The software engineering module exposed me to agile development, individually and in groups. Carrying out presentations in group meetings to discuss and understand customer requirements. We used UML as a tool to understand real world operations, interpreting and communicating with users to create their perfect product.
- Other first year grades: Computer Systems – 83%, Foundations of Computing I – 79%, Further OOP – 79%, Foundations of Computing II – 77%, People and Computing – 68%, Human Computer Interaction – 66%.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION, MATHS & PHYSICS | 2017 | COLCHESTER INSTITUTE

- Achieving 9 Distinctions and 36 Merits at level 3 (A level) allowing me to progress to university. The course provided me with the foundations of learning, before learning I first had to learn how to learn, including handling the pressure of fast paced deadlines and still handing in high quality work.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS & DESIGN | 2015 | COLCHESTER INSTITUTE

- Fully Qualified with Level 3: 2365 17th Edition in Electrical Installations
- Including but not limited to:
 - Principles of electrical science
 - Inspection, Testing, Fault diagnostics and rectification
 - Electrical systems design

GCSE | 2012 | THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH

Graduated with 8 GCSE A*-C, including Maths, English, and Science.

Experience

UNION ASSISTANT | KENT STUDENT UNION | 25/05/2018 - PRESENT

In the retail sector of Kent Union's non-profit shop on campus, I work independently and manage my own time to get tasks done within the frame of my shift. Liaising with managers and supervisors on a regular basis to ensure they are kept up to date and can organise the other staff where needed.

STOCK CONTROL OPERATOR | TESCO | 18/06/2018 - 09/09/2018

This role tested my ability to work under pressure and prioritise tasks throughout the day. Time management was key to success as each section of the store had to be searched and reduced if needed within a small timeframe. Concise and effective communication with the section staff was also required so that they can efficiently replenish stock.

DOMESTIC ELECTRICIAN | INDEPENDENT | 09/10/15 - 03/01/17

While also working at Waitrose, as a newly fully qualified electrician I worked in teams of all sizes alongside people of all trades, some self-employed, some contracted. From wiring houses to preparing trunking and conduit. This role taught me how to communicate and translate terminology from detailed designs to those who are less knowledgeable of the schematics. Presenting schedules to builders allowing us to work simultaneously and not interfere with each other. I have gained experience in how professional teams work in the trades industry from these experiences, which I can transfer to the office.

RETAIL ASSISTANT | WAITROSE | 19/08/13 - 28/08/18

Within Waitrose supermarket at Sudbury I worked as a part-time Ambient partner. This customer facing role required me to manage my electrical training and career with shift commitments. Building a good rapport with regular customers and co-workers, allowing me to resolve conflicts within the team easier and help regular customers faster by understanding them as a person. When leading the team, I used initiative and experience to make decisions on how our team can work more efficiently by deciding what needed to be prioritised and how to approach the tasks. I also worked on Customer Services when customer demand required, using the checkout to finalize customers shopping and payments or assist in customer queries.

Interests

SPORTS

My sporty technical skills come from having good hand eye coordination, at least, when I have my contact lenses in. I play field hockey at university in the sweeper position, I am the last defender before the goal, focusing on the ball and controlling the defenders in front of me is my role for 70 minutes. Table-tennis and Pool are some other activities that I enjoy losing in.

TECHNOLOGY

Competing in online games, rivalled by my older brothers with the motivation to be better than them, which I did. I joined an online community in 2012, taking on a leadership role, setting up our Linux Counter-Strike servers, organising events, and assisting in testing new python plugins before they were introduced to the public.

I also enjoy watching a variety of channels on twitch, seeing how other people's interests and creativity can create content for others. Even learning how things are created and watching people code in programming languages I have never used, which inspired me to use C# in ASP.NET to create a simple interview webpage for my community when I was younger.

References

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