

Karen Higgins

Web Developer

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Search Engine Optimisation

Identifying technical solutions

Client facing skills

Troubleshooting

JavaScript

Web graphics

Bug fixing

Building templates

Image cropping

Maintaining data integrity

Building functionality

Web application development

Mobile applications

PERSONAL SUMMARY

An ambitious problem solver with a passion for online businesses, and who would like to join a team of like-minded developers. Karen has much experience of creating logical and innovative solutions to complex problems. She is thorough and precise in everything she does, and has a keen interest in technology, mobile applications and user experience. As someone who takes responsibility for her own personal development, she is continually evaluating and upgrading her skills so that she stays at the cutting edge of web development. She is a natural problem solver, who has proven herself by successfully completing projects for IT consultancies, software houses, web design agencies, and IT departments.

Right now Karen is looking for a suitable position with a company where outstanding performance is recognised and where she can work on a variety of high profile projects.

CAREER HISTORY

Web Design Company - Birmingham

WEB DEVELOPER Jul 2011- Present

Responsible for working on a range of projects, designing appealing websites and interacting on a daily basis with graphic designers, back-end developers and marketers.

- Developing and maintaining the front end functionality of websites.
- Participating in discussions with clients to clarify what they want.
- Designing prototypes for apps and websites.
- Creating logos, banners and buttons for websites.
- Writing cross-browser compliant XHTML, CSS & JavaScript.
- Simultaneously managing several databases and reporting tools.
- Contacting external webmasters to confirm link placements.
- Provide guidance to other team members on web development issues.
- Developing websites that have a consistent feel and look throughout all web properties.
- Providing technical support to end users.
- Identifying and correcting software deficiencies.
- Devising SEO strategies based around specific keywords.

SEO Company - Coventry

TRAINEE WEB DEVELOPER Feb 09 - Jul 11

Worked as part of a multi-disciplinary team, carrying out ad-hoc tasks as requested by the IT Manager. Had a specific brief to ensure the websites build for customer's precisely matched their requirements.

- Wrote internal and external design specifications.
- Performed maintenance and updates to existing client Web sites.
- Involved in creating a comparison site from scratch.
- Helped end users to solve operating problems.
- Participated in brainstorming sessions to come up with ideas.
- Documented software and technical specifications.
- Provided guidance and advice to less experienced staff.
- Worked on multiple projects simultaneously to a high standard.
- Escalated operational issues to senior management.
- Involved in a project to develop a large online gaming website.
- Addressed cross-browser compatibility issues.
- Integrated websites with Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

CAREER STATEMENT

"I feel that my greatest strengths are firstly my strong commitment to providing a professional service to all colleagues with whom I work. Secondly my skill at developing and maintaining a close working relationship with every company client, something which in turn helps me to gain an in-depth understanding of their individual needs. Thirdly my real passion for Web Development as a whole, an obsession which allows me to spot trends and develop best practise processes."

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