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Personal Profile

I began my journey into software development during the global pandemic in 2021, initially driven by curiosity about how computers work. What began as a simple interest quickly became a deep passion, leading to dedicated self-study and hands-on practice in programming and software development.

I recently completed a Software Development Bootcamp with JustIT, gaining practical experience with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and SQL databases. This program has prepared me to tackle real-world challenges and contribute effectively to a development team.

I am now seeking an apprenticeship or junior software developer role where I can apply my skills, collaborate with experienced professionals, and continue growing my expertise. I am eager to contribute to a dynamic team and advance my career as a full-stack developer.

Education and IT Training

Just IT Training Ltd, London

Digital Skills Bootcamp: Software Development

A twelve-week intensive bootcamp covering the fundamentals of web and software development. Focused on building practical skills in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and databases (SQL), with hands-on projects that simulate real-world development scenarios

Codecademy / FreeCodeCamp

Completed Courses: Ruby, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, MySQL, Bootstrap Acquired proficiency in multiple programming languages and frameworks, enhancing my ability to adapt to different development environments.

St Matthew Academy, Blackheath, UK

GCSE: 5 A-B grades in subjects including Maths and English

Software Skills

Software Development Skills:

- Languages and Databases: Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Ruby, MySQL, SQL
- Frameworks and Libraries: React, Bootstrap
- Programming Paradigms and Technologies: Object-Oriented Programming (OOP),
 Functional Programming, DOM Manipulation, Responsive Design, RESTful APIs
- Version Control and Tools: Git, GitHub, Test-Driven Development (TDD)

Core Technologies:

- Front-End Development: JavaScript, React, HTML, CSS
- Back-End Development: Python, MySQL
- Tools and Methodologies: Git, Test-Driven Development (TDD)

Top-Five Projects:

- 2-Player Ping-Pong: Developed a local multiplayer 2D ping-pong game in JavaScript, featuring complex mechanics and collision detection to simulate realistic gameplay.
- Portfolio Page: Created a personal portfolio using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to showcase skills, projects, and professional experience in a structured format.

- **Superman Vs Lex Luthor:** Designed and developed a 2D cartoon game in JavaScript, where Superman jumps over Lex Luthor, incorporating simple game mechanics and user input handling.
- **CounterX:** Developed a dynamic counter application with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, featuring colour changes based on the counter value to enhance user interaction.
- **Task-Track:** Created a task management system with local storage to enable persistent task handling, utilizing JavaScript for front-end logic and user interaction.

Employment History

2023 - 2024 Ocado, Erith, UK CSTM

- Managed delivery operations efficiently and met deadlines, demonstrating strong organizational and time management skills, relevant for managing software development tasks and project timelines.
- **Provided exceptional customer service and resolved issues,** gaining experience in understanding user needs and delivering high-quality solutions, important for client-facing aspects of software development.
- Communicated updates clearly and worked effectively with the team, developing clear communication skills crucial for collaborating with development teams and stakeholders.
- Adapted to new technologies and solved equipment issues, showcasing flexibility and problem-solving abilities, essential for troubleshooting and adapting to new programming tools and environments.

2018 - 2024 Family-Owned Restaurant, Richmond, UK Assistant Manager

- Handled daily operations, inventory management, and compliance, managing multiple
 tasks simultaneously a skill transferable to managing software development projects and
 workflows.
- **Delivered excellent customer service and maintained positive relationships,** cultivating a customer-centric approach, which is crucial for developing user-friendly applications.
- Managed and guided staff, and solved operational challenges, demonstrating leadership
 and problem-solving skills, applicable to coordinating project teams and addressing
 development challenges.
- Implemented technology for business operations and marketing, reflecting the ability to integrate and apply tech solutions effectively, valuable for software development roles.

Interests and Achievements

- **Computing:** Assisted with software and hardware issues and developed various tech projects, demonstrating a strong foundation in both areas and a hands-on approach to problem-solving.
- **Coding:** Passionate about solving problems through programming, continuously learning new languages and technologies to enhance my skill set.
- **DIY Projects:** Enjoy building and customizing projects, such as a gaming PC, reflecting an aptitude for technical challenges and creative solutions.
- **Football:** Enthusiastic player and fan, actively participating in matches, highlighting teamwork and collaboration skills.
- **Gaming:** Passionate gamer with a focus on strategy and adventure games, always seeking new challenges.
- **Cars:** Car enthusiast with a keen interest in automotive technology, attending car shows, and following industry trends, showing an interest in mechanics and technology.
- **Boxing:** Actively training in boxing, valuing the discipline and physical fitness it offers, demonstrating dedication and perseverance.