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Junior Software Developer

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I'm a Junior Software Developer with a curious, analytical, and logical mindset. I love pushing my limits, whether it's mastering a new coding language or diving into a fresh project. After leaving the religious environment I grew up in, I pursued my education and earned a BSc. Although I didn't originally plan on a career in Software Development, I found a passion for coding as a hobby and decided to join a bootcamp. I'm excited to bring the skills and knowledge I've gained, along with my diverse experiences from other industries, to help your team achieve its goals.

Technical Skills

- **Languages:** JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, C#
- **Testing:** Test Driven Development (TDD), Jest, Supertest
- **Back-end:** PSQL, Express, seeding
- **Frameworks:** React, React Native, ASP.NET, Next.js
- **Soft skills:** Paired programming, technical communication, agile, SCRUM methodologies

Projects

[What You Looking App?](#) – TypeScript | React Native | ViroReact – [GitHub repository](#)

I worked on a team project to develop an augmented reality mobile app to identify and display nearby points of interest (POIs) in real-time. The app overlays 3d objects as icons on the live camera feed, which the user can click on to get details.

[My Recipes](#)– C# | ASP.NET | jQuery | AJAX | SQL | Bootstrap – [GitHub repository](#)

I created a recipes database web app for my family to share recipes. Users can create collections and edit/delete their own recipes, and admin users can approve users and edit/delete any recipe.

[NC News Back-end Project](#) – PSQL | JavaScript | Jest | SuperTest – [GitHub repository](#)

During the Northcoders bootcamp I built this news database project, using Express and Node Postgres to set up a RESTful API server and connect to a PSQL database. I created endpoints to access and query data, using TDD with Jest and SuperTest.

[NC News Front-end Project](#) – React | CSS | Axios – [GitHub repository](#)

I built the Front-end element of NC News using React and styled it using styling components and vanilla CSS, with login functionality and user interactivity.

Experience

Trainee Software Developer – Northcoders, March 2023 – May 2023

- 13-week Software Development Bootcamp focusing on JavaScript and Full-Stack development.
- Coded using both Object Oriented Programming and Functional Programming.
- Studied industry best practices including Test Driven Development and Pair Programming.
- Used documentation including MDN and framework-specific documentation.
- Created and interacted with servers, including using Express and Axios.
- Utilised Front-end libraries and frameworks including React and React Native.

Career Break – Sept 2023 – Feb 2024

I spent 5 months travelling in Southeast Asia, gaining new experiences whilst learning coding and development basics.

Finance Administrator – University of Sussex Students' Union, April 2023 – Aug 2023

- Input Daily Banking System into Excel to track daily sales and profits and communicated with retail staff to resolve discrepancies.
- Utilised Sage 50 accounting software for invoice creation, reconciliation and processing.
- Chased aged debtors through email and telephone, significantly reducing outstanding debt.
- Assisted in creating new systems for tracking and organising daily tasks, ensuring that work wasn't repeated unnecessarily.

Customer Service Assistant – Southern Co-op, Sep 2021 – Aug 2023

- Managed cash tills and self-service checkouts, reducing theft in the process.
- Ensured merchandise was fully stocked and neatly arranged, creating a pleasant environment for customers and staff.
- Assisted customers with any queries or complaints.
- Used technology to track stock gaps, discrepancies in stock levels and price errors.

Assistant Manager – Cancer Research UK (charity shop), Oct 2018 – Aug 2020

- Maintained consistent outstanding customer service and care.
- Assisted the shop manager in maximising profits, increasing sales through visual merchandising and new sales streams, and by generating donations.
- Supervised and managed paid staff and volunteers in the shop manager's absence.

Duty Manager | Cashier – Kosher Kingdom Supermarket, Nov 2017– Sep 2018

- Became familiar with the store layout, assisting customers on the shop floor and ensuring a constant clean and secure environment.
- Problem solved in a fast-paced work environment, including minor technical issues with EPOS systems and dealing with customer queries and complaints.

Education

University of Sussex, Sep 2020 – June 2023

- BSc. Ecology, Conservation and Environment with Spanish | First

Morley College London, Sep 2019 – June 2020

- Access to HE Diploma in Science | Distinction

Hobbies and Interests

- **Cooking:** Amateur chef, always cooking something. This hobby led me to become President of the Food Waste Café Society during my university degree, helping students access affordable and sustainable food and assisting with events such as cooking classes and pop-up cafes.
- **Languages:** Whether it's Spanish or JavaScript, I enjoy the challenge that learning a new language sets for me.
- **Travel:** I have a lot of solo backpacking experience, which has shaped the way I interact with and perceive the world and people around me.
- **Motorbikes:** A self-proclaimed biker, I enjoy both riding and tinkering with motorbikes.