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

Projects

[Job Tracker](#) – Dart | Flutter | Hive

Job Tracker helps job seekers stay organised by tracking applications, interview dates, and job statuses. Built in Flutter with Hive for local storage, it allows users to search saved applications and is available on the Google Play Store.

[Where to Go](#) – JavaScript | Next.js | Tailwind CSS | PSQL – [GitHub repository](#)

Where to Go allows users to search for and organise travel itineraries based on their preferences. I worked on a team to build it using Next.js and Tailwind CSS, enabling sharing, commenting, and filtering by budget, location, or trip length.

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

What You Looking App? makes exploring fun by allowing users to scan their surroundings and see points of interest (POIs) in Augmented Reality. My team built in React Native with TypeScript, it uses ViroReact to integrate AR, letting users save POIs and view details like distance and ratings.

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

I created this recipe app to organise my family's recipes, allowing easy searching and filtering with categories and custom collections. Built with ASP.NET and Bootstrap, it uses jQuery for data manipulation, an SQL database, and is hosted on Azure.

Experience

Trainee Software Developer – Northcoders Software Development Bootcamp, March 2024 – May 2024

- 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 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.