

Ben Peake

Junior Developer - iO Academy graduate

Hello! I'm Ben, a software developer who's recently completed a full-stack bootcamp with iO Academy. I'm a keen problem solver, enthusiastic learner and have a diverse range of career experience that includes helping to grow a recruitment start-up, working as a graphic designer, and setting up a street-food venture during the pandemic.

As the above may suggest, I enjoy learning new skills, working outside of my comfort zone, and I am highly ambitious with a continual desire to improve and develop.

I have a natural interest in front-end and usability due to my design background, but I am also versed in back-end development and really enjoy the different types of problem-solving challenges it presents.

Tech skills

HTML / JavaScript / React.js / Figma
TypeScript / PHP / MySQL / Laravel
Git / CSS / OOP / SOLID / RESTful APIs

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Projects

Colorator - React / Laravel

A self-initiated project to build and design a colour palette tool. I used React to make a dynamic front-end, Laravel to create an API that manages users saved palettes and an open source API fetches specific colour information as required. The application allows a user to randomly generate a colour palette, along with numerous additional functionality to control customisation, helping to quickly create and store their ideal palette(s)! The colorator API is tested using Laravels testing capabilities.

[Github](#) | [Live version](#)

Collection App - PHP / MySQL

A simple collection app that allows a user to maintain and show off their record collection. Created using OOP principles with vanilla PHP and a MySQL database. I didn't use a framework in order to gain a deeper understanding of CRUD operations. This was an individual project with pull request reviews required upon the completion of each story and is fully unit tested.

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Experience

Co-Founder, Omaggi - Oct' 20 - Present

Bristol based street food business selling fresh cannoli and speciality coffee.

A passion project I started during the pandemic that snowballed into a profitable venture. An all encompassing experience working across all facets of the business that required wearing multiple hats - pastry chef, barista, designer, accountant, marketer, etc. Within the first 12 months of the business we went from selling 100, to 1000+ cannoli a week, as well as countless cups of coffee!

Designer + Illustrator - Nov' 21 - Present

www.mindmadedesign.co.uk | Clients: *Fiasco Design* / *Circus Journal* / *The Co-Foundry*

Ad hoc freelance brand-design and illustration work for a number of creative studios in Bristol.

Consultant / Associate Director, Tomorrow Recruitment - 2013 - 2020

London based recruitment agency recruiting for the creative industry.

Having joined the 2 founders as the first employee I was able to develop and thrive within a fast-paced, start-up environment. I grew a new area of the business and significantly contributed to the successful growth of the company, as it went from 3, to 15 employees and became established and well regarded within the London creative sector. On a personal level I gained x4 promotions progressing from a Junior consultant, to associate director.