



# Ben Peake

Junior Developer - iO Academy graduate

I'm a recent graduate of iO Academy's full-stack boot-camp. Previously I'd achieved a high level of success in recruitment but after spending almost 8 years in the industry decided to step into something new. I'm a keen problem solver and enthusiastic learner, I have worked professionally as a graphic designer and run a street food project I set up during the pandemic.

As the above may suggest, I enjoy learning new skills, working outside of my comfort zone, and am highly ambitious with an appetite for self improvement.

I have a natural interest in front-end development and usability due to my past experiences in design however I am also versed and interested in back-end development as I enjoy the different types of problem-solving challenges it presents.

## Tech skills

- HTML / CSS
- JavaScript
- PHP
- TypeScript
- React
- Laravel
- MySQL
- Git
- Figma

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## Projects

### Colorator - React / Laravel

A self-initiated project to build & design a colour palette tool and sharing platform. I used React to make a dynamic front-end with usability and UX paramount to the design. I used Laravel to create a RESTful API to manage users, palettes and likes through a MySQL relational database, and implemented Sanctum to handle user login authentication via API tokens. The application allows a user to randomly generate a colour palette, along with numerous additional functionality to control customisation, with the ability to also save, share and like other palettes. Fully tested using Laravels testing capabilities.

[Github](#) front-end | [Github](#) back-end | [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.

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

## 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, freelance

Nov' 21 - Present

*Clients: Fiasco Design / Circus Journal / The Co-Foundry*

Ad hoc freelance brand-design and illustration work.

### 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.