

# Christopher O'Connor

Software Developer

I am a software developer with a strong foundation in front-end development, currently focused on expanding my skills in backend development to become a full MERN stack developer. I am passionate about programming and regularly attend tech meetups, such as Codebar.io and .Net meetup, to learn from experienced industry professionals. I also enhance my skills through Codecademy and challenge myself with Codewars to improve my problem-solving abilities.

In my free time, I am dedicated to fitness and martial arts, regularly training in Muay Thai and weightlifting. Also, I regularly read as I enjoy a good story.



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Portfolio



GitHub

## Key Skills

### Technical Skills:

- Web Development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Express, MongoDB, Tailwind, C#,
- Version Control: Git, GitHub
- Tools: Visual Studio Code, PyCharm
- Co-operative
- Interpersonal Relationship-Building

### Core Skills:

- Organisation
- Communication
- Reliability and Focus
- 5+ Years Customer Service
- Sales Knowledge
- Good understanding of SDLC (Software Development Life Cycle)

## Projects

- Book Bound – A React TypeScript application where users can browse books, add them to a cart and view detailed 'About' sections for each title. The site is organized into sections like fiction and non-fiction. Future updates will include an express and MongoDB backend payments, personalized logins with purchase history, wish lists, completed books, and the ability to leave reviews.
- Game Store – This is a React and JavaScript game store where you can browse and download games. It features a custom navbar and name-based game filter. Future updates will add more filters, a database for upcoming games and a login area to track game progress as well as add a Wishlist for each user.
- Silverback Strength – This is a React and TypeScript-based landing page that highlights the gym's services, including personal trainers profiles, FAQs and membership options. Future plans include adding Stripe integration for membership payments.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Role: Bartender**  
**Company: Zumhof**  
**Time: August 2023 – current**

- Working as a bartender within a small team of 10, I managed events ranging from raves to comedy shows.
- This role allowed me to engage with a diverse range of people while ensuring the team operated smoothly.
- With my previous experience in team management, I brought valuable knowledge on effective communication in high-stress environments and maintaining high cleanliness standards, which improved the overall workflow.
- I took on the responsibility of training new staff, teaching them how to excel in our dynamic environment.

**Role: Recruitment Consultant**  
**Company: Kenton Black**  
**Time: February 2023 – August 2023**

- This role entailed working with candidates and businesses to help in matchmaking clientele based on both the needs of the business and requirements of the candidate within the civil engineering sector.
- Tailored pitches to engage candidates and clients, demonstrating strong persuasive and communication abilities as well as applied problem-solving skills.
- Strict adherence to deadlines and balancing of multiple tasks.
- Utilised various systems, including Chameleoni, for candidate sourcing and tracking, showcasing proficiency in software tools. This also included updating the system as required.

**Role: Bartender/Team leader**  
**Company: The Figure of Eight, JD Wetherspoon**  
**Time: March 2018 – January 2023**

During this role, I was employed as a Bar Associate and promoted to Team Leader.

**Bar Associate: 2018 - 2019**

- Familiarising myself with the food and drink offered by the organisation and making bespoke recommendations.
- Working within and subsequently managing a team of 8-12.
- Working directly with the manager and escalating issues appropriately.
- Bar maintenance and service, including regular bar-closes.

**Team Leader: 2019 -2023**

- After showing the ability to working within a team, independently and demonstrate leadership qualities, I was promoted to team leader.
- This helped to develop my skills in leadership, facilitating workflow, delegating tasks and complaints management from both staff and customers.
- I was also able to adapt to the seniority required with this role, transitioning to this position, and managing colleagues I had previously worked alongside was challenging but I found mutual respect to be a key skill in building these relationships.

**Role: Personal Trainer**  
**Company: PureGym, City Centre**  
**Time: July 2020 – January 2022**

As a PT I grew a client list of 34 customers through relationships built independently with rapport and decisive understanding of their personal needs.

- I would write tailored fitness plans to accommodate each individual customer's needs.
- I developed a better understanding of advertisement and negotiating realistic expectations.
- Teaching and leading classes, inclusive of spin bike and lower body classes. I was able to expand an average class to full capacity, with many frequent attendees. I took great pride in improving this service offered by the gym.

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## Education

### **Althaus**

Software developer bootcamp 2024

### **Sportswise**

Level 2 Instructor and Level 3 Personal Trainer, Distinction award 2020

### **Harborne College**

Level 2 and Level 3 in Plumbing 2016-2019

### **Bishop Challoner Catholic College**

9 GCSEs, including Maths, English, Science

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