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Personal statement

I am a front-end developer who founded my own company with a friend in order to learn on the job. I am now looking to join a team of developers in order to learn best practices and contribute to something larger. I have a passion for JavaScript, particularly with React, and I'm one of those few who enjoys CSS's challenges. I also come with an impressive attention to detail thanks to my former life in book publishing.

Core skills

- HTML5 and CSS3 - Scss, BEM, responsive design
- JavaScript - ES6 syntax, OOP and some functional Programming
- Libraries - React + Redux, Gatsby (uses GraphQL), jQuery, Bootstrap 4
- WordPress - custom themes, some PHP, plugin ecosystem
- Back-end technologies - node.js, npm, express.js, passport.js, mongoDB, REST apis
- Version Control - Git & Github: <https://github.com/DaveCoded>
- Design - Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and XD
- Other - proofreading, editing, copywriting and fluent in French

Employment history

Co-Founder of Eeny Meeny Creative

(August 2018 – Present)

I wanted to learn on the job, building relevant solutions for real clients, so I founded a company with a friend. There being only two of us, I have fulfilled many rewarding roles:

- Sourcing clients: I managed to find us a small job at my first WordPress meetup.
- Account managing: I now have some experience getting to know a business, identifying how a website can meet its needs, planning how to deliver and managing clients.

- Design: As in classical design disciplines, UX & UI are all about solving problems efficiently and doing the best for the people who actually use the solution.
- Development: Using the technology most appropriate for the job, collaborating with my partner through GitHub and learning to QA test.

Publishing Assistant, Freelance Proofreader and Tutor (English and Maths)

(April 2015 – July 2018)

Managing self-employment by sourcing my own work, building trust with clients and developing excellent customer service habits to encourage positive word of mouth.

- I held several temporary book-related jobs including Contracts Assistant at Hachette UK, PA for DHH Literary Agency and bookseller at Waterstone's
- Proofreading academic essays on technical subjects for undergraduates
- Tutoring for 11+ and 13+ entrance exams, particularly to Dulwich College and Alleyn's

Editorial Assistant – Arcadia Books, London

(April 2014 – April 2015)

- Uploading all content to the new website using the CMS – www.arcadiabooks.co.uk
- Publicity and community engagement through company Twitter account
- Writing press releases, organising book reviews and proofreading jacket copy
- Collaborating closely with designers to deliver covers on brief

Education

University of Edinburgh *(2009 – 2013)* - MA (Hons) in English Literature

Charterhouse School *(2004 – 2009)* - A Level: Maths (A) English (A) French (A)

Achievements and Interests

- Volunteered at a non-profit publishers for dyslexic authors (RASP)
- Summited Margherita Peak, the highest in Uganda at 5,109m above sea level
- Played lead violin on an orchestra tour of Strasbourg at the age of 13
- Won several chamber music competitions in a clarinet quartet
- Acted in an interactive murder mystery at Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2013 – we did 21 shows without break, got 4* reviews and made a small profit