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Full Stack Developer

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About Me

I am an enthusiastic Lead Developer who specialises in web technologies such as JavaScript, Node, React, Angular, SASS and more. After graduating from Northumbria University with First Class Honours I have gained experience working in a variety of roles from small start-ups to large companies. In addition to the technical skills I already have, I have always been passionate about learning the latest web technologies to create better web experiences. I have also done many other projects outside of work, some of which are on my portfolio website.

Portfolio: www.garethferguson.co.uk

Skills

Primary Skills

- Javascript Web Apps, Native ES6 JS, Webpack, JQuery. Gulp, Rest
- React, Angular, AngularJS, Jest, Contentful
- Node (including Express, InversifyJS)
- SASS, CSS & HTML5, Responsive Web Development
- GIT, Gitlab CI, Azure, Azure DevOps.

Other Skills

- Wordpress, Woocommerce, PHP, SQL
- Agile SCRUM and Kanban
- Swift (iOS Development)
- Sitecore® XP 8 Website Development for .NET Developers Certification, Umbraco

September 2018 – present - Lead Developer, Home Group (Previously Full Stack JavaScript Developer)

My role involves working across multiple projects leading a team of 6 developers. Experience includes mentoring and managing other developers, conducting interviews and working with internal clients to deliver projects.

I have primarily worked with a full Javascript technology stack across an Azure hosted microservice based Node application and a React front end. I have experience with Jest for unit tests and setting up the Webpack and Gitlab CI build process.

September 2017 - September 2018 - Developer, Hedgehog Lab

Most of my time in this role involved working for CMS (a large London based stockbroking organisation) developing a mobile web application. I had responsibility for the majority of the workload for this project and worked alongside an internal team for support. This project involved working primarily with AngularJS, native JS (ES6+) and SASS.

In my time at Hedgehog Lab I also contributed to several other interesting projects using both AngularJS and React, including Boutique Ballers which is a luxury goods purchasing application for footballers and celebrity's. At Hedgehog Lab I was responsible for code reviews for less experienced developers and creating standards for future projects.

October 2014 - September 2017 - Web Developer, TH_NK

At TH_NK I worked on several projects for large brands such as Very, Arup, Anglian Home Improvements, Atom Bank, J20, Vue and Warner Bros Studio Tours. This involved working in a high pressure environment to deliver ambitious digital transformation projects.

The Arup project was a particular highlight for me as I was leading the front end development on a website that balanced ambitious visual design with a huge amount of content. At TH_NK I was able to develop my skills with JS, SASS and CSS to a high level working alongside some very talented design and UX teams. I also was involved with several internal experimental projects and client pitches that allowed me to use other technology such as React and learning to develop iOS apps in Swift.

November 2012 – October 2014 - Web Developer, Leighton

This role involved me working on projects closely with a high profile client in British Airways. I

worked with a team based in London to develop key functionality such as the payments page,

flight selling flow and user account pages. This involved me having to frequently travel to

London and liaise with clients along with delivering features.

January 2012 – October 2012 – Front End Developer, Happiest

Happiest was an ambitious social networking startup that aimed to build loyalty rewards around

a social networking platform used by over 3000 users in many countries. I was primarily a front

end developer using modern Javascript technology to deliver a REST based single page

application. I also contributed to the PHP based API alongside one other developer.

I learned a lot at this company around modern agile working practices and the environment and

expectations of a tech startup. This provided a great contrast to other larger companies I would

later work for.

June 2009 -August 2010 Developer of Online Educational Resources, Northern Grid

I worked as part of a team to deliver online resources to teachers and students throughout the

North East. This included websites, interactive applications and games.

Educational Background

BSc (Hons) Multimedia Computing 2007-2011, achieved a 1st Class degree. Sandwich

degree including placement at Northern Grid for Learning.

Durham Sixth Form Centre 2005-2007

A-Levels: ICT Grade A, Computing Grade B, Classics Grade B

AS- Level: Geography Grade A

Secondary School Education - Moorside Community College 2000-2005

GCSE: 9 GCSE Grades at C or above including English (BB) and Maths (C).

References available on request