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Work Experience

Northcoders bootcamp

2020 – present: Leeds, West Yorkshire

Whilst undertaking the Northcoders bootcamp I have significantly developed and applied my coding skills across both front and back-end development. I have been working extensively in JavaScript, and have covered many relevant aspects of software development such as HTML, CSS, Test Driven Development, building APIs, interacting with databases and a broad range of other modern development topics. Working in an agile sprint based approach, every week has been structured as a separate sprint. Daily module tasks and activities were mostly approached working as paired programmers, collaborating to learn and reach solutions – whilst more in-depth project activities were usually tackled as a solo programmer, starting from a brief and utilising multiple technologies to create working software.

Although the Northcoders bootcamp focusses on coding skills, it also teaches other essential aspects of being a professional software developer, such as a solid grounding in how to work effectively as a developer, whether working remotely as an individual or as part of a collective. These are invaluable skills I will take forward with me throughout my coding career. The Northcoders bootcamp experience has been amazing, and I've loved learning and expanding my skills in something so logical and practically applicable. I now have the ability to break problems down into small chunks and have the skills to develop, test and deliver working software.

Head Chef

2021 – 2022: The Bulls Head, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

My second Head Chef role was at a far busier and larger restaurant than previously, and required working as part of a larger team. I worked alongside two other chefs during service time which taught me a lot about maintaining a good temperament and dedication in stressful situations. Whilst a key aspect was to ensure high quality food reached the customers, I also had to develop my management skills to effectively encourage and critique co-workers and to work with a range of personality types in close quarters whilst always remaining calm and collected. The employer offered me long-term employment but I knew I was ready for a career change into software.

Orchard Deputy Manager

2020 – 2021: Corogrow Kiwifruit Ltd, Coromandel, New Zealand

As Deputy Manager of an orchard of over 300 acres, I was responsible for most parts of the process of growing kiwi fruit, from pruning the plants at the start of the season, stringing up the canes to stimulate growth, getting rid of faulty vines and checking the sugar content was good enough to be packed and sold. The orchard itself has a very high reputation and most of the fruit was exported to the Chinese produce market so had to be of a very high standard.

My role was to consult with both the manager and the owner of the farm, ensuring all workers had clear instructions on what their duties were and to overlook a high standard of work. This required clear communication and guidance with all parties and an adept understanding of the kiwi growing process. Outside of the peak season there were general farm responsibilities including erecting new sheds and preparing the ground for the start of the season.

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Head Chef

2019 – 2020: Peel One, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

After shadowing the exiting Head Chef to transfer key knowledge, I then took full responsibility for the effectiveness and output of the kitchen. This included ensuring a high quality of food being served and prepared, kitchen hygiene, food orders and stock takes, customer satisfaction and communications with front of house staff.

With limited storage facilities and the requirement to use fresh ingredients, outside of service time I was required to do stock takes and orders on a daily basis whilst maintaining a good relationship with suppliers, thus taking responsibility for the end-to-end process from supplier to table.

Semi Skilled Labourer

2018 – 2019: Super Yacht Coatings, Perth, Western Australia

As a team of skilled and semi skilled labourers we were responsible for all parts of assembling the outside of a 130-foot super yacht called the White Rabbit. Our duties included applying a specialist waterproof cement and sanding it down until smooth enough to paint, and then overseeing the paint process. This job was stressful as the project was running behind when we joined the project, meaning we worked 12 hour days for 7 days a week for much of the contract to get the super yacht finished and out onto the water. The workload was intense but I was very satisfied at the end of the job to be able to say I had worked on a multi-million dollar project of that scale. The 'White Rabbit' super yacht was successfully launched in early 2019.

Education

Greenhead College

2014 – 2016: Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

A-levels in Psychology, Sociology and English Language

Colne Valley High School

2009 – 2014: Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

10 GCSEs including English, Maths and Science

Skills

- Front-end development, including HTML, CSS, modern JavaScript and React
- Back-end development, including node, Express, Postgres databases and building APIs
- Common development tooling including VS Code, Postman and command line
- Test-driven development using Jest on APIs, databases and front-end components
- Collaborative coding using Github, including shared repositories, branch forking and merging
- Using Slack and digital communication to collaborate when working remotely
- Managing and interacting with small dedicated teams in fast-moving processes
- Stock-taking and re-ordering using inventory and order management systems
- Dealing with suppliers and customers in busy hospitality environments