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## EDUCATION

### **Master of Science in Software Development, Queen's University, Belfast**

*September 2021 - September 2022*

- Achieved a commendation with an overall grade of 63%.
- Completed a range of relevant coursework in computing foundations, databases, programming, software engineering, and web development.
- Developed an interactive web mapping application, "BeachSmart," using React for the frontend and PHP for the backend API, for the dissertation project.

### **Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biomedical Science, Ulster University, Coleraine**

*September 2016 - June 2021*

- Awarded First Class Honours.
- Conducted research on "The War on Bugs: Cannabidiol and its ability to potentiate antibiotic efficacy" for the dissertation project.
- Recognized on the Dean's List for academic excellence in 2016/17.

### **A-Levels/GCSE, Loreto College, Coleraine**

*September 2007 - June 2015*

- Achieved A-levels in Biology (B), Economics (B), Mathematics (C), Physics (D), and Chemistry (D).
- Obtained GCSEs in various subjects (A\*-B), including Economics (2nd highest grade in Northern Ireland).
- Served as Sports Captain and Senior Prefect in 2013/14
- Completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

## SKILLS

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- Proficient in programming languages such as Java, JavaScript, PHP, and React, with experience in developing web applications using LeafletJS, React Leaflet, and OpenStreetMaps.
  - Familiar with development tools such as Eclipse, Visual Studio Code, and Git - GitHub, and proficient in working with databases using MySQL and PHPMyAdmin.
  - Skilled in web design and development using HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap 5, with additional experience in Figma and G.I.M.P.
  - Experienced in working with Postman and GeoJSON and knowledgeable about Bash and GitLab.
  - Fluent in German and proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, including Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and Word.
  - Possess excellent soft skills, including analytical thinking, communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience.
  - Highly motivated and committed to learning new technologies to enhance professional growth.

## EXPERIENCE

### ICT Lecturer

*Transport Training Services NI | Crumlin, NI | Feb 2022 - May 2022*

- Delivered high-quality ICT instruction to Level 1 and Level 2 students, resulting in a 100% pass rate for the course.
- Developed course materials, including lesson plans and assessments, to ensure students were equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed.

### Retail Assistant

*Tesco | Coleraine, NI | Dec 2016 - Present*

- Maintained inventory and replenished stock to ensure products were available for customers.
- Operated checkout, providing excellent customer service to promote a positive shopping experience.
- Developed expertise in store layout, products, and promotions, allowing for effective customer assistance.

### Whiskey Sommelier/Barman

*Old Bushmills Distillery | Bushmills, NI | Jun 2015 - Dec 2017*

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- Conducted engaging and educational whiskey tasting sessions for groups of up to 200 people, delivering content in both English and German.
  - Developed relationships with customers and provided personalized service to ensure memorable experiences.
  - Maintained knowledge of whiskey production, history, and tasting techniques to effectively educate customers.

## HOBBIES

- Sports: I enjoy playing football, golf, badminton, and disc golf, as well as training in the gym. My primary sport being football, having had the opportunity to play professionally in Germany ([shorturl.at/vGLMU](https://shorturl.at/vGLMU)) before an unfortunate series of injuries. The physical and mental skills I have developed from these pursuits are absolutely invaluable, particularly in terms of resilience.
- Music: I play guitar and piano in my spare time and have recently started exploring music production as a new hobby.
- Cooking: I enjoy cooking and experimenting with new recipes. This allows me to unwind, connect with the people I love, and maintain a healthy lifestyle while allowing me to explore and better understand different cultures and cuisines.
- Art: I have a passion for abstract painting, it allows me to express my creativity, relax, and be more present in the moment.
- Outdoor pursuits: I love spending time in nature and frequently go hiking. It provides a temporary release from the stresses of modern society, allowing me to recharge and impacts all aspects of my life positively.
- Gardening: I find gardening to be a challenging, but peaceful and rewarding activity. I enjoy growing my own plants and herbs, and find it to be a great stress reliever.

## REFERENCES

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