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Summary

I started programming when I was 14, and immediately found a passion for it; since that moment, studying Computer Science became the only logical choice, and I have since devoted myself to it. I love developing and honing my skills, and now I want to push myself further; I am a student looking to contribute to a commercial project and gain real-world experience in how it's done.

I strongly believe that strong teamwork and collaboration are the foundation of any successful project, which is why effective communication is essential to any workplace. As someone who has found themselves both as a follower — in my roles at ITN Productions and Nando's — and as a leader — when I managed and directed the school pantomime and led a software group project as part of my studies — I saw first-hand how vital it is for communication to be quick, efficient, and free of judgement and prejudices; people are the foundation of any project, and it's collaboration and discourse between passionate people that makes great things happen.

I am quick to learn new skills, apply them, and adapt to new circumstances; I am keen and willing to undertake any training necessary to execute my role to the very highest of standards.

Skills

- Resilience under strict time constraints and pressure;
- Communicating ideas effectively, in a way that ensures that everyone is on the same page;
- Working well as part of a team: delivering on time, contributing ideas, and helping others;
- Self-organising and working independently towards team goals.

Technical

- C++, Python, Bash, Java;
- HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, TypeScript;
- Linux system administration;
- Git/GitHub/GitLab.

Projects

See https://ciolek.co.uk/projects for more information.

- grzetris, a Tetris clone written in C++ using ncurses;
- ciolek.co.uk, my personal website built using TypeScript on Next.js, and deployed on Vercel;
- dotfiles, my personal system configurations, written in Bash, JavaScript, Lua, and others;
- inscryption-irl, a print 'n' play card sheet generator written in Python using ImageMagick;
- Gentoo Linux, as a user, performing in-depth system maintenance, including kernel optimisation;
  - grzepository, a Portage repository for software I needed, but unavailable, in the Gentoo repos.

Hobbies

- Karaoke: Every Thursday, I sing alongside the Aberystwyth Karaoke Society. It's a lot of fun, and has helped me with confidence and interpersonal skills.

- Photography: I like shooting buildings and landscapes, paying great attention to detail and framing;

- Strategy games: In my free time, I enjoy playing strategy games, such as Civilization V, which have developed my decision making, planning, and organisational skills.

Links

- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/gciolek
- GitHub: https://github.com/Grzegorzorzorz
- Website: https://ciolek.co.uk

Experience

August 2024 - Present

Nando's UK & IRE

Back of House Team Member

During my holidays, I work as a Back of House member in a fast-paced restaurant, preparing food for hundreds of customers every day, all whilst upholding high expectations and standards.

Responsibilities

- Preparing food to a high standard in a fast paced environment;
- Organising work stations before and during the workday;
- Cleaning workstations to meet high hygiene standards;
- Working individually and with coworkers as part of a team.

Achievements

- Upholding immense standards during long shifts;
- Taking on feedback in a productive way, and incorporating it into my workflow;
- Working with colleagues to ensure that the team didn't get overwhelmed during rushes;
- Coordinating with team-members to close the restaurant efficiently at the end of a shift;

September 2022

ITN Productions

Assistant Floor Manager (Freelance)

During my time working for ITN Productions, I worked as part of a team to support two key broadcast positions. Stocking provisions, making urgent deliveries, and meeting client needs during the state Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Responsibilities

- Providing for the needs of two broadcast positions;
- Delivering important documents between offices and on-site locations;
- Rigging electrical cabling;
- Delivering credentials to clients;
- Assisting clients in setting up on their positions;
- Communicating with clients.

Achievements

- Organising provisions for two broadcast positions: always keeping them well supplied;
- Professionally liaising with clients to address issues quickly and effectively;
- Proactively working with colleagues across positions to ensure problems were solved as soon as they appeared;
- Upholding professionalism during long, strenuous workdays.

Education

September 2023 - Present

Aberystwyth University

Currently studying for a Master of Computing Science (MComp) degree at Aberystwyth, I am currently on track for a first class degree, with an average grade of 79.7%. I take part in several societies, including the Karaoke Society, and Computing Society (CompSoc). Additionally, I am an active union representative and frequently present feedback to lecturers on behalf of my fellow students.

Achievements

- Advocating for the views of course-mates in faculty meetings as a two-year incumbent representative;
- Leading a mixed-ability team through a software engineering project, conducting code reviews, and bringing developers up to speed on git, architecture, and programming concepts.

September 2016 - July 2023

The Norton Knatchbull School

At Knatchbull, I successfully achieved 3 A-Levels at BCC and 9 GCSEs at grade 6 and above, all whilst taking in as many of the extracurricular experiences the school had to offer.

Achievements

- Becoming Deputy School Captain, and working between students and teachers to constructively address their concerns;
- Representing the school as a tour-guide for future students and teachers;
- Advocating for fellow students as a five-year incumbent student representative;
- Chairing and overseeing the Debate Society, as Politics & Debating Prefect;
- Tutoring students by breaking down large concepts into small, digestible chunks as Computer Science Prefect;
- Directing and managing the school pantomime for two successive years.