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# **EXPERIENCE**

## Freelance Developer

#### Kempinska Media

**Crowdfunding For Artists** 

- Tasked with standing up a Crowdfunding Platform using an open source Ruby on Rails crowdfunding platform
- Major changes were made to the open source project and an API was built to pass information between an existing in-house artist management platform
- Sole developer on the project.
- Also tasked with setting up day to day SaaS platforms and in-house IT infrastructure

## Startup Adviser

#### **Jewel & Lotus**

E-Commerce Marketplace

 Advising on financials, investment plans, business development, technical development processes, and scalability issues

## Technology Consultant

#### **Advanced Retail Technology**

Retail Technology

- Brought in to help launch a new product that relied heavily on data analysis and a custom POS
- Outlined the system design and built a prototype using Rails, jQuery and Bootstrap to take to potential clients such as the NHS, St Andrews University, and Southend Airport
- Worked on an E-commerce project, improving UX and implementing help desks and knowledge banks

# **OTHER INTERESTS**

**Rock Climbing** 

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**Photography** 

# **SKILLS**

#### Preferred

Ruby Rails C++ PostgreSQL

MongoDB Unix API development

Jira Git JetBrains IDE's

**Atom** 

Heroku

**Bootstrap** 

**AWS** 

**JQuery** 

HTML

MDLite

CSS

XSLT

**Redis** 

**MySQL** 

### Proficient and Interested In

Python

**NLTK** 

**OpenCV** 

Scikit-Learn

Haskell

XQuery

GraphQL

**Bash Scripting** 

# **EXPERIENCE**

## Interim Head of Technology

#### **DividaBill**

Bill Management Platform

- Bridged communication gaps between the CEO and lead developer
- Improved testing including: more efficient QA; changing the mentality from an initial startup "build fast, fix later" ideology to unit testing and tracking the impact of technical changes on the business
- Analysed third-party solutions vs in-house development
- Translated and explained technical ideas to the board to help develop technical specifications based on requirements

#### Co-Founder

#### **EthicalBox**

Personalised E-Commerce Marketplace

- Founded and ran the business
- Won best startup 2014 from Accelerator UK
- Finalists in TechStars investment fund
- Raised private and institutional investment
- Scaled team & worked in 12 countries with thousands of ethical products available to purchase
- Using Magento's business logic, we built a custom marketplace with a powerful seller dashboard and system that audited sellers as they signed up to ensure ethical integrity
- Built financial models
- Managed investor relations and board meetings
- Hired team
- Allocated and managed budget

# **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**



### **Mentor & Speaker at Kingston University**

Mentored masters students and ran workshops on user testing and the building of RESTful API's.



#### **Competitions**

Portsmouth Development Fund Winner, Startup Fund Winner, Accelerator UK's Best Startup 2014, Finalists in TechStars UK investment fund.



#### **Press & Recommendations**

AG Beat: http://tiny.cc/agbeat F6S: https://www.f6s.com/quinnkoike

# **EDUCATION**

## MSc Computer Science

### **Queen Mary University of London**

**1** 09/2016 - 09/2017

- Awarded the Science and Engineering Excellence Scholarship
- Studied advanced computer science concepts including:
- Advanced data structures and algorithms
- Machine learning
- Computational linguistics applied using NLTK and Scikit-Learn and theoretical principles from sequence modelling to FOL and CFG Trees
- Functional programming and underlying mathematical principles such as lambda calculus and category theory
- Currently writing a research paper and building a machine learning classifier to detect Self-Initiated Self-Repair at the nth position and a model of context, using NLP techniques

#### **BSc International Business**

# **London Metropolitan University - 1st Class Hons**

**10/2012 - 05/2016** 

- 1st Class Degree in International Business, made up of Economics, Law, Management and Banking modules.
- Took time out to run EthicalBox

# **SIDE PROJECTS**

# Non-Profit Computer Vision Project

In my spare time, I am building a product using computer vision to enable the visually impaired to get an audio description of text, objects and people using a small camera and the Google Vision API

# Video Game Development

I am currently working with 3 friends to build a simple story based indie game using Fungus and Unity 3D.