WILLIAM SESSIONS

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I am a physics graduate with a first-class degree from Warwick University, and a self-taught front-end developer. I am capable developing websites and applications using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript with several projects visible on my website. I have demonstrable success in learning new software and programming languages swiftly, such as using web analytics and DQM software to identify and fix a range of issues across hundreds of Unilever's websites worldwide. I am looking for a long-term position that will challenge me and where I can further my ability in JavaScript, its frameworks and other web development languages.



### **Skills**

- HTML/SCSS: Proficient in both through a combination of self-teaching and six months related industry
  experience. I have built websites and UIs for applications/games. I also have experience using
  Bootstrap.
- JavaScript/React: I am comfortable using JavaScript, especially in front end uses and have developed these skills by building several personal projects. Through these projects I have learned Git version control as well as implementing APIs. I am currently learning and employing React in ongoing projects.
- PHP: I have foundation knowledge and have used it in creating form pages.
- **Python:** I have good understanding of the language with university experience at modelling functions.
- Microsoft Office proficiency, with focus on Excel
- SEO through improving usability and accessibility and HTML structure
- CMS knowledge
- Understanding of project management and agile workflow
- Ability to lead and manage small teams



# **Work History**

### Oct 2019 - GUEST SERVICES AGENT

Oct 2021 PAN PACIFIC WHISTLER, CANADA

- Undertook multiple roles at these two 4.5-star hotels, both ranked among the top in Canada.
   Work was predominantly customer-facing but also included managing reservations and payments.
- Became proficient at confidently tackling a range of issues while also helping innovate our procedures to a shifting hospitality industry during the pandemic.
- Trained junior team members in customer service strategies and property policies.

### Jun 2019 - **DECKHAND & BARTENDER**

Sep 2019 TURK LAUNCHES

- Worked as a crew member on these passenger boats along the Thames.
- The role entailed maintaining the boat and all its necessary safety features while practicing

safe mooring and boarding procedures.

• Managed the onboard bar during the day and for private hires.

## Aug 2018 - IT MANAGER Mar 2019 UNILEVER

- Brought on board during a major overhaul of the company's consumer-facing brand websites across multiple markets.
- My primary role was to directly improve and monitor SEO and accessibility issues across thousands of web pages whilst also managing and liaising with teams worldwide.
- Using a multitude of digital analytics tools, as well as my HTML and JavaScript experience, I
  worked with software developers to demonstrate issues and agree solutions to drive more
  traffic to sites through improvements of the user experience.
- I improved my understanding of website structure and the usage and application of a wide range of software, including Jira, Google Analytics and CMSs, as well as project management and agile development.

Jun, Jul & Aug 2017, 2018 & 2019

#### **BAR & STOCK MANAGER**

IMG, HAMPTON COURT MUSIC FESTIVAL & THE BIG FEASTIVAL

- Originally hired as a bartender for this month-long music festival at Hampton Court, I quickly demonstrated my ability and was put in charge of managing and distributing stock to three venues around the festival.
- During my final year, I was promoted to bar manager supervising a team of 15, ensuring all bars were fully stocked and overseeing the corporate hospitality offering.
- My industriousness led to being asked to join them at The Big Feastival where I oversaw the
  delivery and management of the stock for multiple venues around this food & music event,
  which attracts over 55,000 visitors.



Jul 2018

## **Education**

Sept 2014- Physics BSc First Class Honours with an Intercalated Year

University of Warwick/ University of Western Ontario, Canada

Sept 2007- A Levels

Jul 2014 Wingate International School – Tenerife, Spain Physics (A\*), Chemistry (A\*), Biology (A), Maths (A)



### **Interests**

Surfing, snowboarding, gym, gaming, D&D, travelling and conservation (worked with AWF in Tenerife to research dolphin and pilot whale populations).