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## Education

- Level 5 Diploma in Web Design and IT at Whitecliffe College with 95%+ average (2022)
- Level 4 Certificate in Carpentry (2019)
- Bachelor's Degree in Contemporary Christian Music – BMus (2015)
- Completed Introduction to Computer Science (COMP103) at Waikato University (2012)
- NCEA Level 3 with Excellence (Te Kuiti High School, 2012)





## Technical Skills

- HTML, CSS and JavaScript
- React.js
- TailwindCSS
- Git Workflow
- Experience with MySQL, Python and C#
- Fantastic interpersonal skills
- Working in Agile based environments

## Core Values

- Communication
- Growth mindset
- Team-focused
- Flexibility
- Strive for excellence

References available on request.

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## Professional Profile

I am a friendly, outgoing and quality driven ex-carpenter looking for a new role in the IT field. Recently, I completed a Diploma in IT and Web Design that has covered the fundamentals of SDLC and HTML, CSS, C# and JavaScript which has helped give me a deeper understanding of how software systems work, and how we interact with them. I have worked closely with various teams for my entire professional career to produce high-quality products within strict timeframes. I bring with me a strong work ethic and highly value and enjoy learning new skills.

## Technical Skills

I love working on projects with React, which I have recently started pairing with TailwindCSS. The latter of which I have found to be greatly beneficial to my workflow and enjoyment when styling projects. I am currently working on increasing my proficiency with these tools as I build out my portfolio on GitHub familiarising myself with a Git workflow. I also have experience using open-source CMS software which I used in my capstone project at Whitecliffe achieving a 98.5% for the assignment. During my course I also completed papers covering the basics of Python, C# and MySQL, which I look forward to learning more of as my coding skills progress. I enjoy learning new skills and am always on the lookout for ways to improve and build upon my current skillset.

## Transferrable Skills

### Problem Solving

During my time as a carpenter I oversaw multiple projects that required me to think on my feet to solve problems. One project that I thoroughly enjoyed was building a set of floating steps for the entrance to my previous employer's home. Working alone, it was not only a challenge to ensure the design would be structurally sound, but also to work out the best approach to the job on my own while maintaining efficiency.

### Team-Work and Communication

In construction, it is often essential to work closely with a team to ensure that the job is completed safely, efficiently and to a high quality. I thrive when working in an environment where you have a team to bounce ideas off and keep you accountable for the work you produce. I believe that having a great team to work with and learn from helps hone your skills no matter what your industry and greatly improves the quality of the work you produce. During my first semester at Whitecliffe I have been able to work within a team to produce website projects following Agile methodologies, including weekly scrum meetings and using Kanban boards.

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## Adaptability

In my experience as a carpenter, adapting to varying situations is very common in the day-to-day job. Jobs can vary wildly, from lining the interior of a house to boxing up a driveway to insulating a ceiling. Having to apply my skills and knowledge in so many different ways has strengthened my ability to adapt and perform well in jobs that I have little to no experience in. I'm always willing to learn something new and thoroughly enjoy the learning process. During the course at Whitecliffe, I have found that relying only on the lectures has often left me lacking in the knowledge needed to complete my assignments and have had to seek out other online courses to supplement my learning. This has helped me earn an average of over 95% during my time at Whitecliffe.

## Leadership

It was often my responsibility to help train younger apprentices and cover for the foreman when they were off-site. This includes a time where my foreman sustained an injury that saw him off work for nearly six weeks. In that time I was put in charge of liaising with my boss and sub-contractors while building a large deck with one of the apprentices. I also currently help lead the Youth Group at my church which involves organising, creating and running the games for up to 25 teenagers every Friday night.

## Great Attention to Detail

I take great pride in all the work I undertake and strive to complete everything to the best of my ability. Working in high-end residential construction, I have learnt to pay close attention to the finer details and to take my time refining my skills to consistently produce high quality work.

## Work Experience

### Residential Carpenter | M O Brown Builders

*FEBRUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022*

While working at M O Brown Builders, we worked mostly in teams of three, a foreman, qualified builder and apprentice. My responsibilities were mainly to help train the apprentices and complete the majority of the building work while the foreman focused on managing the site and completing more complicated sections of the build.

### Residential Carpenter | Waikato Homes

*JUNE 2016 - DECEMBER 2020*

I started at Waikato Homes fresh out of university and completed my apprenticeship within three years of starting (average completion time is four years). By the end of my time here I was starting to get put in charge of my own jobs and helping my colleagues with all parts of their sites.

### Shift Manager | Waitomo Orchards

*FEBRUARY 2009 - MAY 2016*

My first job during high school, my responsibilities were to serve customers, re-stock shelves and clean the store. I kept this job during university holidays and my job evolved shift-manager which included opening and closing the store everyday, organising the produce rotations and delegating jobs to colleagues.

## Personal Interests and Volunteer Work

I have always had a big love for sport, particularly those that get the adrenaline pumping like surfing or snowboarding, but really anything with a ball I'm keen on too!

As a musician I am blessed to have had the opportunity to travel around NZ playing at ASB stadium in Wellington, country music festivals and most recently touring in an AC/DC tribute band I helped found.

Other hobbies I have include wood-working, painting and cooking. I also have a keen interest in travel and welcome new experiences in any shape or form.

I have always been heavily involved in volunteering at church, where I serve on the music team and, as mentioned above, help lead our Youth Group. Churches I have been a part of often do community out-reach projects like beach clean-ups, graffiti removal and garden clean-ups which I regularly put my hand up for.