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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, JavaScript & Python
- ReactJS & React Native
- Webflow CMS
- Figma Design Platform
- Fantastic interpersonal skills
- Great problem solving skills

Core Values

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

References available on request.

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Professional Profile

I am a motivated and adaptable professional with a background in carpentry, seeking to transition into the IT industry. I recently earned a Diploma in IT and Web Design, which has equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of IT Systems, Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC), and proficiency in HTML, CSS, JavaScript and Python. Throughout my career, I have consistently thrived in team-oriented environments, delivering high-quality results within demanding time constraints. I bring to the table exceptional customer service skills, a steadfast work ethic, and a firm commitment to continuous self-improvement and skill development.

Technical Skills

I have a strong affinity for project development, with a particular focus on React and React Native frameworks, a technology I regularly combine with TailwindCSS. I've found the integration of TailwindCSS to be a significant enhancement to my workflow and overall satisfaction when styling projects. My current endeavors include further elevating my proficiency with these tools while actively expanding my portfolio on GitHub.

Over the past year, I have actively leveraged the skills acquired during my course to develop websites for clients. Additionally, I have broadened my skillset to include the proficient use of Webflow, a website builder and content management system (CMS). This expansion of my toolkit has empowered me to successfully execute and deliver projects that meet and exceed client expectations.

Transferrable Skills

Problem Solving

My time spent as a carpenter provided me with ample opportunities to demonstrate my adept problem-solving skills. I have successfully navigated numerous projects that demanded quick thinking and innovative solutions. A standout example of this was my involvement in crafting a set of floating steps for the entrance of my former employer's residence. In this solo endeavor, I faced the challenge of ensuring structural integrity while working out an optimal approach to the project, all while maintaining a high level of efficiency.

Team-Work and Communication

In construction, teamwork is vital for safe, efficient, and high-quality project completion. I excel in collaborative environments, valuing the support, idea exchange, and accountability that come with working in a team. I firmly believe that a strong team enhances skills and elevates work quality across all industries. While studying at Whitecliffe, I gained experience in team-based web development, where we incorporated Agile methodologies, including regular scrum meetings and Kanban boards into the management of our projects.

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Adaptability

In the building industry, I've encountered a diverse range of tasks, from interior lining to driveway construction and ceiling insulation. This varied experience has honed my adaptability and performance in roles where I may lack prior expertise. I have a strong commitment to continuous learning and find great satisfaction in the process. While pursuing my course at Whitecliffe, I discovered that relying solely on lectures sometimes left gaps in my knowledge necessary to complete assignments. As a result, I proactively sought out supplementary online courses. This approach has consistently contributed to my academic success, with an average performance exceeding 95% during my time at Whitecliffe.

Leadership

Throughout my career, I have consistently taken on leadership roles. This has involved training and mentoring younger apprentices and stepping in for the foreman in the case of their absence. Notably, I managed a construction project independently when my foreman was sidelined due to an injury, overseeing communication with the employer and sub-contractors while working with an apprentice to complete a substantial deck project.

Additionally, I currently lead the Youth Group at my church, which encompasses the organisation, creation, and facilitation of activities for up to 25 teenagers every Friday evening, along with camps and trips outside of Christchurch.

Great Attention to Detail

I take immense pride in my work, consistently striving for excellence in every task I undertake. My experience in high-end residential construction has instilled in me a keen focus on meticulous attention to detail and the dedication to refining my skills over time. This commitment has enabled me to consistently deliver work of the highest quality which has overflowed into my work as a developer.

Work Experience

Residential Carpenter | M O Brown Builders

FEBRUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

At M O Brown Builders, we operated in teams of three, consisting of a foreman, a qualified builder, and an apprentice. I played a key role in mentoring apprentices and executing a significant portion of the construction work. This allowed the foreman to oversee site management and tackle complex aspects of the projects.

Residential Carpenter | Waikato Homes

JUNE 2016 - DECEMBER 2020

I began my career at Waikato Homes immediately after university and successfully completed my apprenticeship in just three years, surpassing the standard four-year duration. As my tenure progressed, I assumed responsibility for managing my own projects and actively contributed to the success of my colleagues' sites.

Shift Manager | Waitomo Orchards

FEBRUARY 2009 - MAY 2016

In my initial job during high school, I served customers, restocked shelves, and maintained store cleanliness. I continued this role during university breaks, where I advanced to the position of shift manager. This role involved daily store opening and closing, managing product rotations, and assigning tasks to team members.

Personal Interests

I'm passionate about the outdoors, and spend time outside in our beautiful country whenever I can either surfing, hiking, bouldering, or my latest pursuit—fly fishing in the Canterbury high country. As a musician, I've had the privilege to perform at various venues, including ASB Stadium in Wellington, country music festivals in Northland, and touring New Zealand as a co-founder of an AC/DC tribute band. My diverse hobbies also include wood-working, painting, and cooking, and I have a strong interest in travel and embracing new experiences. I'm actively involved in volunteering at my church, serving on the music team, and contributing to our Youth Group.