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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)

✂ Core Values

- Communication is key
- There is always something new to learn
- Team-work makes the dream work
- 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. I have plenty of experience in dealing with client/customer relations, both through my work as a builder and for the years I worked in a local fruit and vegetable shop while studying. 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.

Core Skills

- Knowledge of SDLC
- Efficient problem solving
- Fantastic interpersonal skills
- Working experience with Agile
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript (React)
- Experience with Python, C# and My SQL

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. The finished result was an impressive set of stairs and one of the jobs I am most proud of.

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 an 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 into 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.