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## OBJECTIVE

My recently completed Computer Science MSc, including a placement year in a Cyber Security Company, gave me a great introduction to my software Developer career, granting me excellent QA technical experience and a great base understanding of networks, their architecture, security, and major threats. I already have a strong bank of technical skills and have, through the placement and my own development work, proven myself quick and able at adapting and adding to these as specific needs require. I am now looking to take the next career and get exposure to different aspects of development, expand my workplace experience, collaborate with others, and input helpfully to the execution of projects. I am hard working, sensible, and enjoy working as part of a team.



## RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

**Placement with AWEN Collective** | AWEN Collective | June 2022 – June 2023

Placement at AWEN Collective, a cybersecurity company specialising in providing full asset discovery, analysis and management, with a focus on OT(Operational Technology).

**My responsibilities included:**

**QA:** I led the task to find the testing framework most suitable to our requirements, which could provide 100% test coverage and be implemented into the product's deployment.

**Creation of Automated Tests:** I created and managed thorough, scalable, and reliable e2e tests for AWEN's product Dot, ensuring all code deployed was bug free.

**Incorporating the Tests into Dot's code deployment in AWS:** Working with a senior developer, I ensured the tests created were run during the deployment of Dot's code, streamlining the testing process, ensuring releases were error free.

**Writing a White Paper on OT Cyber Security in Food and Beverage**

**Manufacturing:** I researched and produced a white paper on a sector important to AWEN. This was published on AWEN's website, linked to in newsletters and distributed in printed form at conferences.

**Writing blog posts on Cyber Security related subjects:** I researched and wrote blog posts for AWEN. These blogs were relevant to various OT cyber security related topics, and helped raise AWEN's web presence on a range of topics.

**Conducted target market research:** I identified prospective clients for the sales team, providing a brief on each prospect.



## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** JavaScript, Python, JSON  
HTML, CSS. *lesser:* C#, Java.

**Web Development Technologies:**  
D3.js, Node.js, Flask, Jinja. *Lesser:*  
React.js

**Quality Assurance Tools:** Cypress.

**Networking Tools:** WireShark, Scapy.

**DataBase tools:** SQL, SQLite, MySQL.

**Version Control:** Git.

**Project Management Framework:**  
Agile, Scrum.

**General Tools:** VirtualBox, AWS suite,  
Visual Studio, VSCode, Auto-CAD,  
Unity, Microsoft Office Suite.



## INTERESTS

I am a keen cyclist who enjoys cooking, comedy, woodworking and gaming, setting up personal servers for myself and friends to play together.



## PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

**Barista with operational responsibilities** | Short and Tall Coffee | 2020 – 2021

**Construction Project Management Support** | ECCONE Project LTD | 2021

**Barista** | Maggie and Rose | 2015 – 2017

**Various voluntary roles** | 2016 – 2020



## EDUCATION

**Computer Science MSc** | Cardiff University | 2021 – 2023

Grade: Merit

**Historic Building Conservation BSc** | Kingston University | 2016 – 2019

*Foundation Degree*, converted to *Bachelors' Degree* in *Historic Building Conservation*

Grades: Foundation Degree – Merit; BSc – 2:2; Bench Joinery (additional study) - level 3 diploma



## PROJECTS (MOST CAN BE FOUND ON MY [WEBSITE](#) OR [GITHUB](#))

**Network traffic analyser and Visualisation:** This project takes network traffic scans in the form of PCAP files, analyses and visualises the devices, their connections, and protocols. The visualisation also allows for user interaction to create a more unique display of the information relevant to specific users. This can be found [here](#).

**Automated Assessment Tool:** Working as a team deploying an AGILE/SCRUM methodology, we designed and created a dynamic web application that produces exercises for students, providing them with feedback and giving teaching staff a summary of individual students and classes as a whole. The tool creates unique user experiences based on who was using the tool, and their relevant modules.

**Listed Building Visualisation:** Here I created a tool to visualise the breakdown of England's historic listed buildings dates and grade listing. I did this initially to improve my D3.js skills, however I also decided to further my recently learnt Flask, Jinja, and SQL skills so I made the visualisation load dynamically, pulling all its information from databases I created. This can be accessed [here](#) (will initially take a minute to load as it is being hosted for free).

**Jektris:** I wanted to further my web development skills, especially with user interaction. Therefore, I decided to recreate a favourite game of mine Tetris with some additional features. This can be found [here](#).

**Randomised Circles:** I wanted to further my user interaction with D3.js elements. So created an interesting visualisation which allows users to change aspects of. This can be found [here](#).

**Personal Site:** The majority of my web projects can be found on my website, they are focused on creating interesting, unique projects which encourage user engagement. This can be found [here](#).

**Site and Application Deployment:** Following my involvement deploying AWEN's product to AWS, I have deployed my [own personal website](#) and web applications.

**Hosting and Maintaining Gaming Servers:** I have set up, hosted, and maintained a few gaming servers locally for mates and I to use.

**Various Small Quality of Life Projects:** I've made a few small projects to help out in everyday life such as converting measurements, and script for video game calculations.



## ONGOING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Learning:** Continuously learning and developing my skills is very important to me. Currently I am improving my node.js, react.js, C# and .net skills.

**Programming Challenges:** Frequently participating in code challenges to improve my programming skills, this is continued through attempting challenges on Codewars and participating during Advent of Code.

**In Person Events:** I have taken part in multiple Capture the Flag and Game Jam events with friends to apply and further develop my learnt skills.

**Woodworking Projects:** I set up my own workshop, creating designs to undertake professional and personal projects for friends and family.