

# James Smith

Junior Software Developer

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## Personal Profile

As a junior software developer, I bring a strong foundation in programming languages such as JavaScript, CSS and HTML. I'm passionate about crafting clean, efficient, and maintainable code that solves complex problems. With a keen eye for detail, I thrive on collaborating with cross-functional teams to deliver high-quality software solutions that meet user needs. My enthusiasm for continuous learning and adaptability allows me to quickly grasp new technologies and contribute effectively to innovative projects.

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## Technical Skills

**Front-End:** React.js, React Native, CSS, HTML

**Back-End:** JavaScript, Express.js, Node.js, PostgreSQL, REST API's, Insomnia, Jest

**Tools:** Git, GitHub, Expo/ ExpoGo, Object-Oriented programming(OOP), Agile Methodologies, Error handling

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## Employment History

### July 2023–October 2023 – Trainee Junior Software Developer, Northcoders

- Northcoders is an intense Software Development bootcamp where I had the privilege to immerse myself in a dynamic learning environment.
- During my time at Northcoders, I developed my coding skills to become a Full-stack Developer.
- From learning the basics of fundamentals which consisted of, basic functions, call-back functions, data-structures, promises and recursion.
- I then moved on to the back-end projects where I was taught how to create a database and query that database using Javascript, Express and PostgreSQL as well as using test driven development, writing tests with Jest to test if it works and to test for any errors that might occur. At the end of this section, I completed my first solo project which was a week long and consisted of creating a database.
- Moving on to Front-End development I was taught how to use React.js, CSS and HTML to create web based applications.
- At the end of this section I had a front-end solo project where I created a news website which interacted with the Back-End project I made to extract the data and display it on different pages.
- [Back-End news API project](#) - This project is a database where I stored all of my news data for different news articles, models, controllers, end points, error handling and testing. The technologies used for this are; JavaScript, Node.js, Express, PostgreSQL, Jest.
- [Front-End news website](#) - This project is my News-Bytes website which interacts with my back-end project and displays the data on different pages such as; all articles, single articles, a user log-in page. The technologies used for this are; JavaScript, React.js, CSS, HTML.

### September 2022 – Present – Property manager

- Looking after 5 properties, collecting rent from tenants, carrying out necessary repairs/ maintenance.

### February 2020 – September 2022 – Hybrid Telecommunications Engineer, Openreach

- I began my career by completing 12 weeks of full training, until I went live on my own.
- After my first year I passed my NVQ and became a fully qualified engineer. Not long after, I was then trained on fibre to the premises (FTTP) broadband and became a hybrid engineer.
- My day-to-day duties consisted of picking up various jobs in the morning and visiting each customer. Each day I completed different tasks such as; setting up new customers; helping existing customers fix their current issues by

fault finding in the network; working on both the overhead and underground network; and helping FTTP customers by using splicing to connect them to the network.

- This role involved a significant amount of problem solving and working on my own initiative to help get our customers up and running.

#### **December 2014 – February 2020 – Supervisor, Blacks Outdoor Shop, Liverpool.**

- I had various different roles at my time at Blacks, these were; Sales Assistant, Delivery shift worker, which required early morning starts to get the deliveries into the store when they arrived, then unbox, hung and distributed to the shop floor to sell.
- I was then promoted to Supervisor where I was given my own set of shop keys to open and close the shop. I was put in charge of the group of sales assistants, it was my responsibility to organise, encourage and direct them to do their jobs correctly.

#### **February 2014 – August 2014 – Sales Assistant, Outdoor Megastore, Bootle Liverpool**

- I was a member of a sales team in a large retail store. Selling tents, clothing and a wide range of equipment to do with outdoor activities. Researching different products and giving advice to customers. Working as part of a team to restock shelves and keep the sales floor clean and tidy as and when required.

#### **June 2012 – December 2013 – Kitchen Porter/ Back Of House Manager, Caterforce Global**

- I worked for Caterforce Global at Royal Ascot, Chelsea Flower Show and The British open Golf Championship, Olympics and Paralympics. Constructing and dismantling kitchens at these events and working as part of a team of back of house staff – ensuring the smooth running of the kitchens in busy restaurants.
- Working as part of a team, working to strict deadlines to get kitchens up and running.
- In July 2012, I worked as a back of house manager, responsible for setting up Olympics and Paralympic kitchens in the Olympic Park, prior to the start of the Games. I had to communicate clearly and effectively by walkie talkie with team leaders in order to facilitate this.
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#### **January 2012 – June 2012 – Sales Assistant, Outdoor Megastore, Bootle Liverpool**

- I worked as part of a sales team in a large retail store. Speaking to customers to find out what they wanted and helping them find the correct product. Researching different products and giving advice to customers.

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#### **Qualifications**

**2020 - 2022** Openreach - Signing lighting and guarding; Intermediate level Apprenticeship in IT, Software, Web & telecoms Professionals; EUSR, training and skills for the energy and utilities sector

**2011 – 2012** Hugh Baird College - Balliol Road Level 3 Electrical Installation

**2010 - 2011** Southport College - Level 2 Electrical Installation (Distinction)

**2005-2010** St. Michael's High School - Qualifications (All GCSE): Resistant Materials (B), English (C), Mathematics (C), Science (D), Additional Science (D) Geography (D), Religious Studies (D). I.T. (OCR Level 2 Pass)

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#### **Interests/Hobbies**

- I have completed 10 plus Tough Mudder races. I run in a team of 8 friends where we all have to work together to help each other to complete the obstacles. I also volunteer at these events and help the competitors over the obstacles.
- I have run the Liverpool Rock N Roll half marathon twice. This was a big challenge for me, but I really enjoyed it.
- I also enjoy Boulderling. Especially as this is a great problem-solving sport having to work out how to get from the bottom of the wall to the top climbing up different difficulty grades.