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I am a front end developer who enjoys learning new things, building cool stuff and playing with swords. I have worked on countless projects in agency settings, giving me a broad experience of web technologies and clients. I have a proven track record of leading front end approaches to projects including those with complex interfaces, data needs and integrations. Having become the go-to authority on web accessibility in my current role, I am passionate about creating smooth experiences for all end users, particularly those sometimes overlooked (e.g. keyboard-only and screen reader users). I am enthusiastic and creative with a keen attention to detail, and I enjoy sharing this with other people. I enjoy a challenge and a working experience which has something different every day, particularly with a strong team of colleagues which I can contribute to.

Technologies

- HTML
- Javascript
 - ES6 / React / Next.js / Vue
- Typescript
- CSS
 - Sass / Less
- CMS
 - Sitecore / Optimizely / Contentful / Kentico
- Other
 - Git
 - DevOps

Employment

UNRVLD (formerly Kagool), Cardiff:

senior front end developer

August 2022 - present

front end developer

December 2019 - August 2022

- Working in multidisciplinary project teams to deliver and maintain an extensive range of projects, from ongoing application support and improvement to greenfield rebuilds. Clients include the London Metal Exchange, Marsh Commercial, Welsh Water, Barratt Homes and Chilly's.
- Leading front end approach in multiple greenfield projects with specific challenges, including complex data and integration needs.
- Developing and maintaining complex user interfaces to meet project needs, producing high quality code adhering to industry best practices
- Participating in scoping and estimation of features for upcoming build sprints
- Conducting code reviews & ensuring adherence to DevOps and company processes
- Providing feedback, coaching and mentoring support to team members
- Communicating with key stakeholders from both the client and other internal teams at an appropriate level of technical detail for their role
- Participating in proof of concept projects to investigate new technologies for potential use in upcoming projects

Key Achievements

- Developed accessibility guidelines to be used across the whole development team with a view to ensuring all projects reach at least AA accessibility standard. I have become the go-to person in the

development team for accessibility knowledge.

- Successfully led a team to put forward a proposal for the purchase of software licences for Polypane, a developer-focussed browser which allowed the team to easily improve the accessibility and quality of the work we were producing.
- Leading monthly sessions for the front end team to share updates or information to help the continued learning & development of the whole team.
- Consistently praised for attention to detail, high standard of work and never turning down a challenge.

Orchard Media & Events, Cardiff: web developer

June 2017 - November 2019

- Taking designs produced by graphic designers and turning them into clean, semantic code for responsive websites, with considerations of user experience, performance, accessibility and security.
- Adapting to, and challenging when necessary, client requirements and deadlines.
- Working with other developers using version control (Git).
- Using CMSs (Symphony, WordPress, Prismic.io) to create easy to understand 'back ends' for clients to be able to update their websites, and for creating site pages through templating in XSLT, PHP and Pug.
- Learning new skills and tools and putting them into practice in projects, for example I learned React Native and have since been responsible for building and deploying three apps to Google Play Store and Apple App Store.
- Communicating with clients via email, phone calls and in-person meetings.
- Basic server and web hosting management, including updating PHP versions and handling a mass transferring of sites to a new server.

Edel Fencing Academy: admin, social media, assistant instructor

March 2016 - Present (January 2023 - Present, hiatus with reduced responsibilities)

- Administration tasks including managing membership, insurance and venue booking
- Organising and teaching workshops and classes to groups of up to 20 students, both in the club and at national events including the May Melee 2019 and By the Sword 2022 (the world's biggest HEMA event for women and gender minorities)
- As a member of both the EFA and Wessex League committees I have been involved in regular work to improve access to HEMA, welfare within the community and organisation of events, including helping to host multiple tournaments in Cardiff with up to 100 participants.

Sherman Theatre Cafe Bar, Cardiff: bartender and other FOH roles

April 2016 - June 2017

Old Market Tavern (aka O'Neills), Cardiff: bartender and waitress

September 2014 - November 2015

Education

September 2013 – June 2017

**University of South Wales,
Cardiff Campus**

BA (Hons) Graphic
Communication 2:1

2011 – June 2013

**Lancaster Girls' Grammar
School Sixth Form**

A levels grade AAA*