JOSH VAN DER WAAY

FRONTEND WEB DEVELOPER

ABOUT ME

Kia ora! My name is Josh and I'm a passionate web developer with a love for tech & creativity living in Wellington.

Although I'm Dutch originally, I grew up here in New Zealand and have a diverse background in several disciplines.

Whether it's film, music or now web development, all these experiences are tied together by an underlying appeal to solve complex technical problems in a creative way, often utilising a computer.

I love how rewarding writing code feels and find the depth of knowledge that's out there to discover, very captivating.

I value being intellectually challenged, having structure in my day and an open and honest workplace environment.

I would really appreciate the chance to discuss any potential work opportunities, so feel free to contact me any time!

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TECH SKILLS

HTML / CSS	JavaScript
React / Redux	REST APIs
Node	Express
SASS	BEM
Bootstrap	jQuery
Knex	MongoDB
Wordpress	MySQL
Git / Github	Agile
UX / UI Design	Adobe Suite
Webflow	SEO

EXPERIENCE

Lotje McDonald — Wordpress Photography Site
Freelance Work   January 2022 - March 2022

Created a Wordpress website with a custom child theme for a professional photographer based in Sale, Australia.

- a fully functioning ecommerce store using WooCommerce & Stripe
- took care of web hosting, SSL, SEO, automatic backups & security

Dev Academy — Full-Stack Web Dev Bootcamp
Full-time Student   August 2021 - December 2021

The immersive nature of EDA really fostered my growth, not only as a developer, but also as a person. The emphasis put on working with others, gave me a great insight as to what makes a good team work.

- built web-apps using React and managed state with Redux
- programmed backend with server-side JavaScript (Node & Express)
- used NPM to install Node Modules for Middleware & Authentication
- database management by writing SQLite queries using Knex.js
- written async APIs to perform CRUD operations on the backend
- worked in teams using the Agile methodology & GitFlow

Facebook / Meta — Music for Content Creators
Contracting Work   July 2021 - August 2021

Created 6 pieces of original music for content creators to use in their Facebook or Instagram reels. This opportunity was offered to me through the record label that I release music on, Jumpsuit Records.

- "be creative" on demand in order to meet tight weekly deadlines
- communicate clearly with a large company in a professional manner

Yoobee Colleges — Diploma in Web & UX
Full-time Student   July 2020 - July 2021

My final year at Yoobee was a great way to further develop my frontend skills. Although I have no desire to be a UX designer, I think it's important for a developer to understand their perspective.

- conducted UX research to create Personas & Target Audiences
- created wireframes using mockup tools like Figma and Sketch
- made websites using frameworks like jQuery, Bootstrap & SASS
- experienced the REST architecture by using the Google Maps API
- learned to use GitHub and Git with the Command Line Tool
- followed a custom Style Guides & CSS Methodology, like BEM

SOFT SKILLS

Creative   Curious
Calm   Communicator
Passionate   Focused
Adaptable   Organised

PROJECTS

Lotje McDonald Photography

lotjemcdonaldphotography.com.au/

A Wordpress site featuring a child theme and a functioning ecommerce store.

Torotoro

behance.net/gallery/133579459/Torotoro

An interactive storybook / point-and-click adventure game made for kids.

Prelude - Yoobee Grad Site 2021

behance.net/gallery/122682407/Prelude-Yoobee-Graduation-Site-2021

Graduation website for Yoobee Colleges.

Jack Robert Photography Site

behance.net/gallery/122393875/Jack-Robert-Photography-Website

Designed using custom WP theme, post-types, plugins, metaboxes & taxonomies.

Ticket Trade

behance.net/gallery/119618593/Ticket-Trade-User-Generated-Ecommerce-Site

A user-generated e-commerce site for selling event tickets. Built with React.

Tourism-NZ Hotel Booking

behance.net/gallery/109211249/Queenstown-Accommodation-Booking-Website

A simple hotel-booking web app using the Google Maps API.

I've included Behance links, as they give a good visual overview of each project.

They also include links to Github code.

Yoobee Colleges   Diploma in Web & Graphic
Full-time Student   July 2019 - July 2020

I wanted to start my web development journey with a solid foundation on visual design. My first year at Yoobee was a good intro to the web.

- introduction to the fundamentals of the frontend (HTML, CSS & JS)
- made custom Wordpress themes, post-types, plugins & taxonomies
- a solid foundation on the core principles of Visual Design
- an in-depth knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite

Cafe Il Momento   Barista & Front of House
Full-time Employment   August 2015 - December 2018

I worked at a busy cafe in the heart of Amsterdam for several years. I took the job primarily to support myself whilst producing music. I also wanted to reconnect with my Dutch heritage & travel Europe.

- developed great customer service skills by working on the till
- working in a busy cafe meant needing good time management skills

AWA Films   Assistant Video Editor
Contracting Work   May 2014 - October 2014

AWA is an award winning production company based in Miramar. I was contracted as an assistant video editor for a documentary series called Behind the Brush (Season 2), which aired on Māori Television.

- assisted the head editor by organising & labeling video files
- had to develop strong file-naming & folder-structure conventions

Strategy Creative   Video Editing & Animation
Contracting Work   August 2013 - December 2013

Strategy Creative is an advertising agency based in Wellington. They had taken on the MBA advertising campaign for Victoria University and needed my help to do the filming, editing & animation for two ads.

- filmed several MBA grad interviews & edited them down as required
- added animation effects to a graphic-based advertisement

NZ Film School   Diploma in Film & TV
Full-time student   July 2012 - July 2013

From an early age, I was a very passionate filmmaker, so a career in film seemed obvious. Due to my expansive repertoire of short-films, I was the youngest person to have ever been admitted to the course.

- directed several short-films that were screened at film festivals
- learned to effectively communicate creative ideas to the cast / crew

References are available on request