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Web skills

HTML5 & CSS3
JavaScript
WordPress
PHP
Node.js
Django
SQL

Design skills

JavaFX
Photoshop
Sketch
InDesign
QuarkXPress
Motion
Final Cut Pro

Coding skills

Java
C / C++
Python
Haskell
Matlab
ARM assembly
HDL (nand2tetris)

Full-stack software designer and developer with a background in design, languages and business, looking for employment during a working holiday.

Working towards a degree in Computer Science, with a self-taught knowledge of coding, and hands-on experience helping startups design and build apps and businesses, my broad skill-set can deal with both people and code.

Education

2014-18 BSc (Hons) Computer Science - University of Nottingham
Expected June 2018, graded 2:1 in Year 2 and 1:1 in Year 1,
including 85% in G51MFC, 81% in G51PRG and 84% in G51CSA.

2012-14 A Levels - Sussex Downs College, Lewes
 Computing - A, French - B, Maths with Decision & Mechanics - C with the first year of BTEC Software Development (Distinction Star).

2009-12 GCSEs / IGCSEs - Bede's School, Hailsham
 12 GCSE's including English IGCSE, Maths, French, ICT IGCSE, Additional Science and Business Studies.

Work Experience

Volunteer Web Developer, European Alliance for Human Rights in North Korea — September 2016 - present

I help maintain the website for EAHRNK. After being accepted for the job, I've been meeting up with their UX designer as well as helping them update and maintain their existing website before a planned relaunch this year.

Lead Designer, PinPoint — September 2015 - March 2016

After hearing about me from fellow Jisc award-winners Lingoflow, I helped PinPoint by designing and developing their first website, using Sketch for design, and HTML5 and CSS3 for the code. I also created their brand, by taking their initial paper sketches and ideas and turning them into a flexible, professional logo.

Lead back-end developer, Javoo - April - June 2015

I worked for Javoo as they started up their business, building a Node.js and MySQL server to handle data for a prototype Android app, which is a social network that helps Alzheimer's patients retain memories and connect with family.

System developer, Custard Design — June 2012 - August 2013
For my A Level Computing project, I built a cloud-based data management system in PHP and MySQL to help Custard manage orders. I also wrote a report on the research conducted and feedback from initial tests.

Skills

Languages

I'm a keen linguist, and speak professional French (at CEF's B1 level), with basic conversational skills in Mandarin Chinese, completing a 6 week course at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China.

Business skills

I'm also big on business, and learnt the tools of trade from my parents, who both ran their own businesses. I also helped out with a few tech startups - as part of my work for Javoo, I helped them discuss business ideas and future progression, and I also worked with Lingoflow, a friend's startup, helping them with registering their company in the UK and also with user experience design and discussions on future functionality. Lingoflow managed to win Jisc's Summer of Student Innovation while I was helping them, and I was lucky enough to attend Jisc events and shows with them too.

Achievements and other work

UnituHack 2014

I won the UnituHack 2014 competition, as part of a 4 person team. I attended with the friend who runs Lingoflow, discussing ideas on the train, before finding 2 other people at the event to develop the idea. We created an educational platform that allowed students to connect with each other and share resources, which not only won but also got endorsed by *Mendeley*, an industry leader in online research paper sharing.

Apps for Good 2013

I took part in the Apps for Good competition in 2013, in another 4 person group, with a social networking app based around location. We entered the semi-final stage, before knocked out before the finals.

Volunteer work

While at Nottingham University, I volunteer for charity at the Nottingham Chinese Welfare Association, giving 2 and a half hours of my time a week tutoring the elderly on how to use computers and smartphones, and in particular on how to keep in touch with family, access music and TV, and read the news.

References

Contact details are available on request.