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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Since finishing secondary school, I had always wanted to learn how to code. I have grown up with a passion for technology, but my interest in software first started when I wanted to be able to build my own web applications. I discovered Northcoders after looking into development courses and successfully got a place on their software developer bootcamp. I learnt such a vast amount in just over 3 months and it certainly reinforced my love for tech and desire to work in the industry. The course allowed me to land my first role as a Junior Web Developer, exposing me to new tech with a different development workflow which I have enjoyed adapting to. Learning and problem solving on a whole is something I have missed since finishing my A Levels and I am excited to continue growing my knowledge within the tech sector as my career progresses.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript

Front End: React, React Native, Expo, HTML5, CSS3, WordPress

Back End: Node.js, Express.js, PostgreSQL, Firebase, REST APIs

Testing: Jest

Version Control: Git, GitHub

EXPERIENCE

Paul Gough Media | Junior Web Developer | March 2023 – Present

I am currently working as a Junior Web Developer at Paul Gough Media. I am responsible for designing and building landing pages and websites for clients through WordPress, using HTML and CSS along with many plugins to create dynamic and interactive sites.

Time management and organisation is key in this role as I am dealing with many client projects at once. They all have different go-live dates and so keeping on top of each site is very important.

Northcoders | Trainee Software Developer | November 2022 – March 2023

I recently completed a software developer bootcamp at Northcoders. This was a 13-week course based off an industry-led curriculum that taught me best practices such as Test-Driven-Development (TDD), pair programming and version control with Git.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Northcoders and it showed me first-hand what it is like to be a software developer. The course has allowed me to enter the tech industry feeling confident in my ability to code and I enjoy applying the skills I learnt to real world problems.

Back End Project – I built an API where you can access a range of news articles and perform various actions on them. This was built using Node.js, Express.js and PostgreSQL.

GitHub Repo - github.com/JxckHind/NC-News-Backend

Front End Project – I built a web application using React, HTML5 and CSS3 which uses the API from my backend project to create an interactive news website.

GitHub Repo - github.com/JxckHind/NC-News-Frontend

Hosted Version - <https://nc-news-project.netlify.app/>

Final Project – I was part of a team of 5 who built a mobile application called 'Swipe Style'. This was inspired by Tinder and allows users to discover new clothing items based on their interests. I was responsible for integrating Firebase authentication into the log in and sign up pages. I also worked on the algorithm which suggests new clothes depending on what the user has liked and disliked previously.

Front End Repo - github.com/Cam-Bloom/Swipe-Style

Back End Repo - github.com/Superjim/clothes-backend

Company Director | QuickProd LTD | November 2021 – Present

I currently run my own e-commerce business which involves mainly selling products on Amazon. I chose to pursue this full time in March 2022 and overall it has been successful. Last year I worked out of a small unit and was responsible for 3 employees. I spent most of my time sourcing and ordering stock, dealing with suppliers and managing staff.

Due to staff leaving to go to university and me personally wanting a change in career it is now something I do on the side. Although stressful and time consuming, I thoroughly enjoy running my own business.

Warehouse Operative | Lucy Pittaway LTD | August 2021 – March 2022

I was involved in many aspects of the business, initially employed working in fulfilment where I was responsible for packaging framed orders. I was also in charge of taking deliveries, managing and organising stock in the warehouse and keeping track of stock movements.

After expressing a keen interest in web development, I then moved into working on the website in the December. I was in charge of managing active products and updating the site with graphics from the design team. I also updated the blog, scheduled competitions and worked on the sites Search Engine Optimisation (SEO).

Sales Assistant | Sam Turner and Sons LTD | August 2018 – August 2021

My duties consisted of serving customers, stocking shelves and stocktaking. I was also responsible for managing special orders and keeping track of customer collections.

At the start of lockdown in 2020 I was moved into fulfilment where I was in charge of picking and packaging customer orders as well as booking in parcels with the couriers. I did this for around 2 months before returning back to my usual job role.

EDUCATION

I studied and attained my A Levels from Northallerton School and Six Form College in 2021. The grades I achieved were:

Maths: (A*), Further Maths: (A), Physics: (A*), EPQ: (A*)

I also achieved nine GCSEs at grades 7 to 9 from Northallerton School in 2019.

My other qualifications are Grade 2 and Grade 5 in Drums. I achieved both these exams with a distinction and I am currently working on my Grade 8.