

Rob Austen

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Passionate about producing solutions that exceed expectations. Experienced in creating & deploying products and features that modernize and improve every day operations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Austen Contracting **2023-current**
Contract Development

Since early 2023 I've been contracted by various customers to build or help get their products across the line. I've been involved in project planning, prototyping, data architecture, UI/UX and more.

Karapoti Consulting **2019-2023**
Developer

At Karapoti Consulting, I helped to improve data integrity, user engagement and accessibility by modernizing data gathering workflows and implementing fully responsive user interfaces. This involved discussing & gathering change requirements with the client, prototyping, testing and delivering.

The key technologies involved in my every day practices were SQL, ASP.NET, C#, VB, HTML, CSS and JS

Mobi2Go **2014-2016**
Customer Onboarding / Support

At Mobi2Go, I managed the ongoing support of existing customers and helped to acquire new customers by building aptly-themed demos of our embeddable ecommerce software within clones of their websites.

Woodnut Media **2012-2013**
Developer

At Woodnut Media, I helped to create interactive, cross-browser-friendly user experiences within our bespoke page-builder software. This involved building reusable ‘widgets’ and orchestrating changes with our customer-facing teammates to ensure quality outcomes.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

kiru

A batteries-included rendering library that aims to embody the word ‘framework’.

async-worker-ts

Simplifies the offloading of CPU-intensive tasks to worker threads in NodeJS & the web

async-idb-orm

Promise-based IndexedDB wrapper with an ORM-like API and support for Active Records, relations & migrations

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

NZ Certificate in Computing (Level 2)

Whitireia Polytechnic, Porirua, NZ

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Software development mentor

Online advice, troubleshooting and open-source contributions