School of Computer Science & Informatics, Cardiff University

Employer's Evaluation of Progress – Academic Year 2020/21

Student Name:	**Leo Gardner**
Employer:	**Cardiff University IT**
Placement Supervisor's Name:	**David Hopkins**
Supervisor's position:	**Web developer**
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The questions relate to the student's progress in the current review period:

Are you satisfied with the student's progress in this review period? Yes
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Please comment on the student's overall performance and on how well you feel the student is carrying out their objectives/tasks:

Leo has continued to work on the Wordpress Frontity theme to great success. He has managed to fully develop the theme in such a way that it can be reused for any wordpress blog that we may need to use it for. It is fully customisable depending upon the blog it is being used on and fully multilingual.

There were a number of difficult steps that Leo has to overcome in getting this project finished which involved him carrying out extensive research into Frontity and Wordpress, speaking to frontity customer support and wokring closelly with colleagues who maintain the wordpress websites in the team.

We are really pleased with the outcome and it will greatly enhance what the team can offer current and potential customers with regards to their wordpress hosting.

Leo should be pleased with the final outcome of the project.

Leo has also documented the development process and how to set up new websites using his frontity theme in detail and provided a number of Docker containers so other developers can access his work environment should they need.

What do you think are the student's main strengths?

Leo has has to do a lot of research into an area of work that is new to the team so he has become the expert with regards to Frontity themes. He has had to speak with their community and supports teams in order to resolve some specific and technical issues that were quite bespoke to our set up. We are pleased that he has been able to undertake this with confidence and it has resulted in a finished project of a high standard that will be going into production within the next few weeks.

Are there any areas that you think the student needs to improve?

We have been pleased with Leo's progress on his given tasks and projects. Again if I was to nit pick it would be to ask more often when he is blocked by a piece of work or needs assistnace. Due to the team being very busy sometimes team members need to be reminded that Leo would like some help and Leo should feel confident in asking for that help. The whole team is eager to help Leo.

Are there any general comments you wish to make?

I would like to thank Leo for his contributions during this review period and let him know how much of a valued member of the team he is.