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| **Profile** |

Hello, my name is Luke Taylor.Since I was very young I have always had a passion for technology. My love for code started to grow when I first took computer science classes at Durham Sixth Form Centre. Since then I have constantly been trying to improve my skills by creating my own projects, participating in online courses, and doing any work I can get my hands on.

Since working at Cedrec I have gained more experience than I could have ever wished for and I have developed a much deeper understanding of the job role. The job has taught me how to communicate effectively, how to get tasks done for specific deadlines, and how to ensure my work is of high quality so I know it’s ready to be deployed onto our server.

I personally think that I would be a great asset to any employer as I am reliable, hardworking and very optimistic towards what I do. I am currently 18 years of age and have been working in the website industry since April 2016. I completed my level 3 Apprenticeship in May 2017. Although I’m still quite new to the working world, I am certain I can be of high value to any company and I know I have an exciting career ahead of me!

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| **Education and Qualifications** |

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| Subject | Qualification | Grade |
| Maths | GCSE | A |
| English (Literature) | GCSE | C |
| English (Language) | GCSE | B |
| ICT | GCSE | C |
| Science (Additional) | GCSE | B |
| Science (Core) | GCSE | C |
| Graphic Design | GCSE | B |
| Business Studies | GCSE | C |
| Religious Education | GCSE | B |
| Computer Science | AS Level | D |
| ICT | AS Level | C |

Note:

Both AS levels I took have low grades due to the fact I started my apprenticeship during my first year of sixth form. This resulted in me missing full units of learning and they still let me take the exam which I somehow managed to pass with a borderline grade.

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| **Work Experience** |

Cedrec (April 2016 – Present):

I decided what was being taught at sixth form was too basic and I was very passionate about taking my development skills further so I applied for an apprenticeship here at Cedrec. It was quite scary at first as I honestly had never touched some of the programming languages and frameworks used on our systems, however they were very friendly and patient with me until I got to grips with everything.

I started the company with knowledge of VB.net, HTML, CSS, and Javascript. Over the first few months I shadowed my manager and I watched video tutorials from websites that the company are subscribed to such as Laracasts. This new knowledge along with the apprenticeship courses really helped my skills improve.

I am now over 1 year into working here at Cedrec and I am capable of doing many tasks, and trusted with big projects. The big project I was given at the end of 2016 was to create a website for an art gallery (Thought Foundation) from scratch. This started off as a simple website I had to make by copying a PSD file. Then it grew bigger and bigger and I am still working on it today. It is now a fully responsive, database driven website with a full backend system which I also made from scratch. Whilst the other developers were working on the Cedrec site, I was given many big tasks.

Examples of tasks I was given:

* Create an event booking system
* Create a blog
* Social media integration and sharing
* Automated email campaigns and using the mailchimp API
* Database to PDF converter for events
* Inventory tracking system using barcode scanners
* User login and permissions
* Til cashing up system to calculate profits at the end of each day
* Artist submissions and public enquiry submissions
* Allow people to make applications to work at the gallery
* Facebook-style comments using a jquery plugin and ajax
* File uploaders

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| **IT Skills** |

* HTML & CSS  
  Javascript
* Jquery
* PHP
* MySQL
* Laravel

After working for over a year, I now feel like my understanding of these programming languages has grown quite a lot and I now feel confident with almost all tasks which is asked of me. I still regularly get stuck at points and I have to either use the internet for help or get assistance from other developers, however this is becoming less needed every day as my skills improve and I become more experienced.

You can find my portfolio of work on my website over at <http://www.luke-taylor.com/>

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| **Interests and Hobbies** |

My main interests and hobbies are related with technology. I spend the majority of my free time on my computer either coding, talking with friends, or playing games. I really enjoy spending time online and it has been a life-changing experience for me as I have made many new friends doing so. My other interests/hobbies would be sports, I enjoy almost every sport, but I mainly love football. I have grew up playing for a few different football teams and I used to play football a lot in my spare time. Other than that, I tend to just go along with whatever my friends are planning which is usually going to new cities, hitting up festivals and doing anything else which we find fun!