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Work experience

IT Career Switch

October 2022 - Present

Student

In October 2022, I enrolled in a comprehensive full stack software engineering course to enhance my knowledge and expertise in software development. Throughout the program, I have gained proficiency in essential programming languages and technologies such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, React, jQuery, Mocha, Git, and PHP. Moreover, I successfully passed the final exam, demonstrating my understanding and practical application of these skills.

June 2010-September 2022

Opspace Projects Ltd

Director/ Co - Founder

Throughout the past 12 years at Opspace I have continually been growing the company by scaling the size of projects we have been able to undertake. Originally starting out with 2 employees, it now has 4 full time office based employees and up to 30 contractors at any one time. I was involved in projects from start to finish, from surveying and estimation through to project management, procurement and customer relations.

A significant personal and subsequent company achievement was the successful management of a project for Bristol Rovers Football Club. The project involved complete redesign and redevelopment of the leisure facilities, media centre and club shop. My role in this was total project management from design to handover. The redesign was completed on-time (within 7 weeks) and on budget, and was such a success the stadium saw an increase in profits the following season. For the company, and myself professionally, it led to significant future work both from Bristol Rovers and other companies associated with the club.

May 2003-June 2010

Self employed

Shopfitter

- NVQ level 2 - Steel framing installation
 - NVQ level 2 - Metal frame ceiling installation
 - As a self employed shop fitter I worked on a wide range of projects as part of a small team fitting out various different commercial spaces within strict timescales and rigid specifications.
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September 1998-May 2003

City Electrical Factors

Stores Manager

- NVQ level 3 - Warehouse management
- NVQ level 2 - Customer service

I started this employment as a warehouse assistant, after two years I was promoted to stores manager. I was responsible for the procurement of all stock within the warehouse and trade counters. I was also accountable for the management of warehouse operatives and all logistics, ensuring that all customer orders were fulfilled on time. I was also responsible for all administration, meeting the requirements for ISO9001.

August 1997-September 1998

Redmonds Autos

Garage assistant

In my first placement after finishing school, I worked in an auto repairs garage. I had various daily tasks within this role including; answering calls, booking in repairs and services, ordering parts and assisting the mechanics when required.

Education

Sept 1992-June 1997

Sir Bernard Lovell School - Oldland Common, Bristol

GCSE – English (Language & Literature), Science (Biology, Chemistry, physics), Maths, Art, French, Humanities

Skills

- Good communication skills
- Ability to prioritise under pressure
- Drive and determination
- Willingness to learn
- Attention to detail
- Using initiative and problem solving
- Resilience

Hobbies and interests

Walking and paddle boarding; running (when the weather allows) and playing golf at different courses around the southwest, are all things I enjoy in my spare time. I also like to spend time practicing and studying all aspects of software development.
