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Web & App Developer

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a passionate and highly motivated developer with a rich background in web and app development, driven by curiosity and a love for creating innovative solutions. My coding journey began in 2017, and I've cultivated a diverse skill set through both academic pursuits and hands-on experience.

I began studying for a Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at Maastricht University, where I developed strong analytical thinking and problem-solving skills. Though I transitioned from academia, I managed to gain practical experience, and I remain committed to continuous learning and development.

Professionally, I've gained valuable experience in two key roles. As an App Developer Apprentice at Wolpack IT in Eindhoven, Netherlands (Nov 2020 – Feb 2021), I contributed to an Agile team developing an online pharmacy app, focusing on front-end development with some full-stack tasks. This role honed my app development skills in a fast-paced, collaborative environment.

Later, I then worked as a Junior JavaScript Developer at CuttingEdgeUk (Jan 2022 – Apr 2022), where I developed internal applications using JavaScript and Claris FileMaker. This role solidified my expertise in solving problems with JavaScript and creating user-friendly solutions.

Beyond these roles, I've pursued personal projects to deepen my technical skills, recently getting really into javascript and making fun projects with that technology. These projects have allowed me to stay current with emerging technologies and explore creative solutions.

My technical skills are broad and include front-end technologies like HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Tailwind, and responsive design, as well as full-stack and back-end development with JavaScript, React, Next.js, MongoDB, SQL, Firebase, Python, and Java. I also possess strong design skills, using tools like Illustrator, Figma, and Balsamiq to bring my creative visions to life. My experience in digital art and music production complements my technical work by enhancing my understanding of aesthetics and user experience.

Currently, I'm enrolled in a Level 5 Diploma in Web Application Development with CodeInstitute, deepening my web development expertise. I also recently completed a Level 2 Music Production course at Islington Music Workshop in London, further refining my creative skill set.

As a resourceful and autodidactic learner, I am eager to embrace new challenges and expand my knowledge. My goal is to secure a web developer role that offers opportunities for growth and collaboration, where I can leverage my technical skills, creative insights, and passion for development to contribute to impactful projects.