Mitchell Aldrich   Digital Portfolio

This is my portfolio, here I will be showcasing and explaining certain things such as my education, past achievements and my hobbies. Also many other topics such as my work experience and where I went to and what I did there, plus my skills/strengths and why they are my main skills.

About me

Hi, I'm Mitchell Aldrich I am a student at the College of West Anglia in Wisbech, I am very interested in computing and technology which Is exactly why I chose to study these at this college. In my free time I mostly like to game, watch certain apps like Netflix, Prime, YouTube and many others. I like to use my time wisely, I complete any provided work when I can, that includes during my free time. I am a very patient person in a large amount of situations and I like to put the effort into my work.

There are many pieces of my work further down this portfolio that are great examples of what I have explained here.

My education

During my experience in education I went to the secondary school in March called Neale-Wade in 2016 and after finishing my GCSE's in that school I then moved onto the College of West Anglia in Wisbech in the year 2021. Before Neale-Wade, the primary school I went to was Cavalry Primary which was also in March. I personally enjoyed my years in education and I believe I learned a great amount especially in computing. Here are the images of the three schools that I went to.
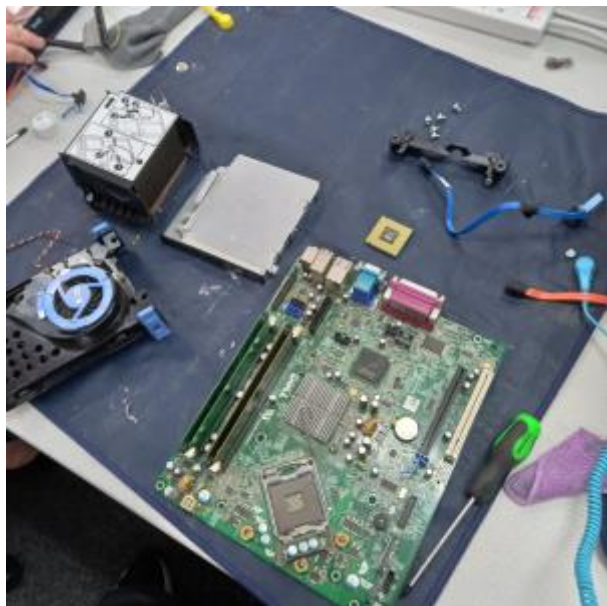
College

During the first year in my computing course in college I learned many new skills and gained knowledge towards certain topics in computing. One of the many topics I have been learning in college was managing hardware. We did a practical and a few more that are similar where we take apart a PC and then document the entire process, we also did other things such as fault finding which is where our tutor takes a PC and then purposely gives it a fault that we have to find. These are great examples of my ability to problem solve and my awareness of what components are found in devices like computers. Here is the documentation[1] for my first practical and here is the documentation[2] for my fault finding practical.
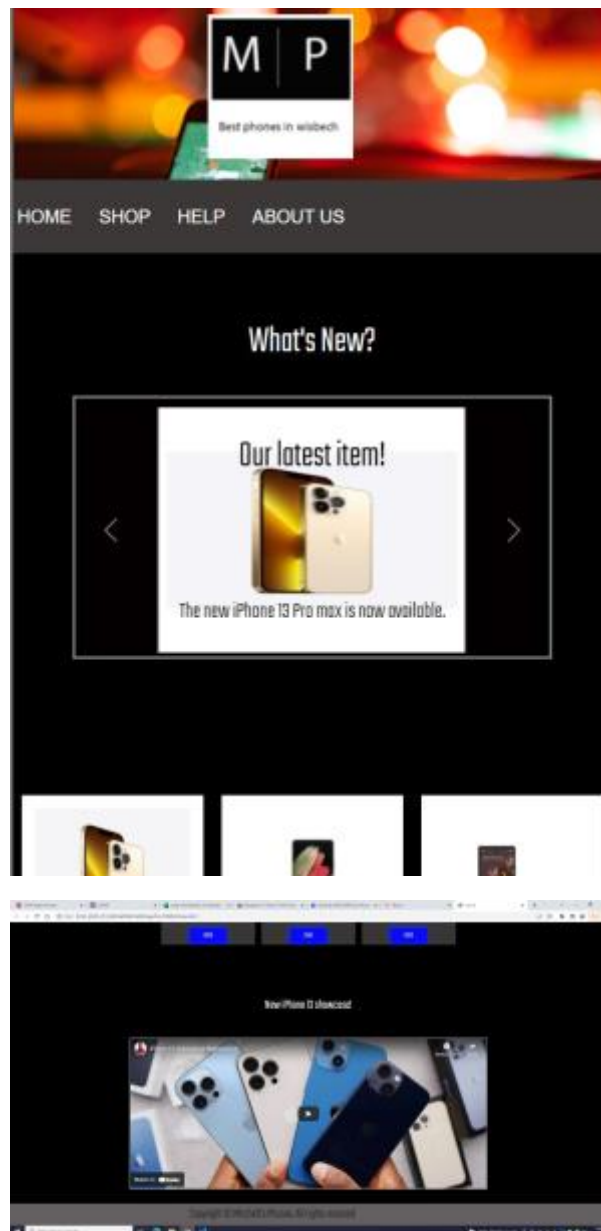

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[1] https://educwaac-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/434879_edu_cwa_ac_uk/_layouts/15/doc2.aspx?sourcedoc={FBE31201-A57E-4733-B04C-51A124C398C3}&file=Practicals and Components History.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true&DefaultItemOpen=1&ct=1655369997298&wdOrigin=OFFICECOM-WEB.MAIN.EDGEWORTH&cid=8d8bb88e-4019-4637-bc7e-a68dec1187ff

[2] https://educwaac-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/r/personal/434879_edu_cwa_ac_uk/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc={EA68A1EE-90F8-4C6B-8101-3E4F7A0088CE}&file=Operating System Practical.pptx&action=edit&mobileredirect=true&DefaultItemOpen=1&login_hint=434879%40edu.cwa.ac.uk&ct=1653898571345&wdOrigin=OFFICECOM-WEB.START.EDGEWORTH&cid=9d05a654-8f55-4642-9a7f-48c054b05790

Not only have I been doing hardware management but I have also been doing website development in college. This topic I do enjoy because it allows me to use my creativity more. I did web design for my course work that I had and I was making an online phone shop website with the use of Visual Studio Code and the code languages I was using was HTML for the website, CSS for the styles and also Markdown which I used for the documentation of the website, I also made a second version of the website which was compatible with mobile phones because I realised that not everyone owns a PC or a laptop, I stored my work on a GitHub repository and I then sent the link to my tutor to hand it in. I was pleased with the final design of my website because it showcases my creativity and my ability to use coding but also my dedication since coding can take hours. Here are some images of the final design of my phone website and here is the actual phone shop website on my GitHub repository[3].

[3] https://github.com/Mical155/M31-Unit-13-assignment

Another topic I have covered during time in college is MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist). The concept of this topic was that the students would get a number of practice exams on the Microsoft software Word, PowerPoint and Excel and when our tutors believed we were ready, we would take an actual exam on the software we have been practicing on. I have passed both my Word and PowerPoint exams and I got 81% on the Word and 85% on the PowerPoint. I was pleased to have passed these since I am aware that they are pieces that are commonly used in IT workplaces.

Microsoft PowerPoint (Microsoft 365 Apps and Office 2019)	3/1/2022	850	Pass
Microsoft Word (Microsoft 365 Apps and Office 2019)	1/25/2022	815	Pass

Taking an exam requires that you have an exam voucher. You may purchase an exam voucher her
already have.

Neale-Wade

I spent 5 years in Neale-Wade and on my third year me and the other students were given options for what subjects we would like to learn and we would get an exam on them at the end for each course, we could only choose four and we also had to learn the three main subjects (Maths, English and Science) plus P.E. The four subjects I chose was Media studies, Performing arts, Construction and Geography. I chose Geography because I personally found it more useful to me, I chose the other three because I thought they were subjects I would enjoy whilst being able to get work done

at a great pace, and I was right. At the end of year 11 I did my GCSE's for all of my subjects and I was actually pleased with the final results. Here is an image of my final results and these are great examples of how I am willing to work to gain successful outcomes.

These grades have been confirmed as accurate

Recorded (Pre-CWA)

Qualification	Year	Grade
GCSE English Literature (GENGLIT)	20/21	4
GCSE English Language (GENGLANG)	20/21	4
BTEC Certificate in Construction (50065919)	20/21	D2
Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia (60070432)	20/21	L2 D
GCSE Mathematics (GMATHS)	20/21	5
BTEC First Award in Sport (60047793)	20/21	L2 M
GCSE (9-1) in Combined Science: Trilogy (6018758X)	20/21	54
BTEC Introductory Diploma in Performing Arts (6018548X)	20/21	M2
GCSE Geography (GGEOG)	20/21	4

My favourite subject out of these was probably media studies, not only because it was one of my best subjects in terms of grading but I honestly enjoyed it because of all the topics it covered. Some of my course work was describing comic books and what makes a great character plus the meaning of certain features within comic books e.g., panel layouts, speech bubbles etc. Our second coursework was to make a design for a retro album and to document the process of finding ideas and coming up with the design, quite similar to the course work I was doing in computing at college.

Cavalry Primary

I started Primary School at the age of 3 in 2008 and I was there for 7 years which means I left to go to Neale-Wade in 2016. During Primary school we only did the main subjects such as Maths, English and Science. However, the school did have certain events such as sports day because it was the day of the Olympics and also performing plays etc. Here is an image of me at sports day. These events not only showcase but also improved my confidence in social events and situations.

If I had to pick what I enjoyed in my primary school I would choose the IT lessons. One of the activities we did in the computer room was use this old software called scratch and we used a list of commands to make a little game out of it and I personally enjoyed it. Another reason and evidence that computing and IT interests me and that I find it engaging.

My Hobbies

I have many hobbies when I am outside of education and I would say that my main one is gaming, although gaming can be addicting and distracting for most people I still make time to do many other things, I still make time for work which shows that I like to use my time wisely. I do have a couple of out of school activities and those two are karate and going to the gym, I used to go swimming but I stopped going there when I felt that I had mastered it.

Not only do these improve my health but they help my mind and thinking, for example karate not only improves your self-defence but it assists you in improving things such as your self-control and also teaching you to always think before you act which I know are important things when it comes to your reputation in the online world and also your behaviour in a workplace, I have 9 years worth of experience in it and I am a black belt so I am disciplined, experienced and patient . Doing both of these also indicate that I am always willing to put in the effort into anything even if something may take long. Here is a slide show which contains an image of the Hudson Leisure centre and an image of me at my karate dojo.
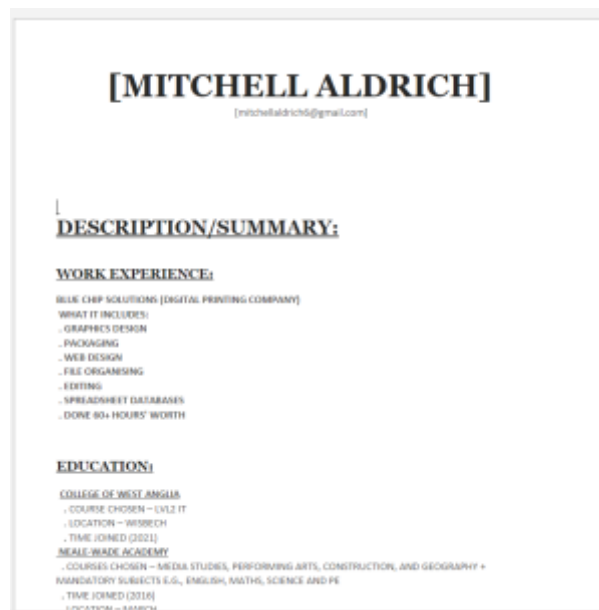
Here is also a video of me at my dojo. This exercise we were doing is a showcase of my confidence and mainly as clear evidence that I actually do this as one of my out of school activities and also that I am always willing to work, even if it is not that easy to do. I am also very engaged when taking part in activities and I don't have a negative attitude.

My Skills

The subjects that I chose all depended on all of the skills that are my best. The skills I believe that I stand out in is ones such as creativity, confidence, patience, dedication and being mature. These are a few of the many reasons I chose subjects like computing, media studies and performing arts.

I even made a CV on word that includes all of these skills on there and even my work experience which I will go over in the next section. Obviously my beliefs for having these skills were true

because I got awesome grades in the subjects that require these. Here is my personal CV [4] that I constructed during the start of my first college year which contains a full explanation for why these are the main skills that I have. Here is also the opening view for my CV.

Work Experience

During my time in college I was given the task to have at least 60 hours of work experience for the year. My work experience was at a 3D digital printing company in Wisbech called Blue Chip Brand Solutions, here is their website [5]. This work experience was perfect for me because it was totally computing related and the team there were very supportive and helpful.

I learned and improved on many skills whilst I was there for my 60 hours and those were editing, packaging, file organising and website development. I went there every Friday for 7 hours a day. Here is an image of the hours that I logged onto my student portal in college which is evidence that I

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[4] https://educwaac-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/434879_edu_cwa_ac_uk/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc={BC495C24-0E91-4820-BD24-B7C9C32D26A5}&file=Mitchell CV.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true&DefaultItemOpen=1&login_hint=434879%40edu.cwa.ac.uk&ct=1652696705555&wdOrigin=OFFICECOM-WEB.START.EDGEWORTH&cid=72085aab-5c27-465b-b7b7-d1aabf97ca83

[5] http://www.bluechipbs.co.uk/

have completed my 60 hours of work experience, plus having this work experience proves that I am aware of how a work environment should function and what is expected of me when I am in one.

Summary

Year	Status	Type	Hours Required	Hours Scheduled (Past)	Hours Scheduled (Future)	Hours Completed	Total Hours
21/22	🔴	Study	72	-	-	0:15	0:15
21/22	🔴	Work Experience	60	0:00	0:00	6:45	6:45

Filters

Type	Status	Date	
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Experience Records

Employer	Type	Status	Date	Start Time - End Time	Break Duration	Travel Duration	Reflection	Added By	Comments	
Blue Chip Brand Solutions (Owner)	Work Experience	Completed	10/11/2021	09:00 - 16:00	00:15	00:00	I have now completed my 60+ hours of work experience at Blue Chip Solutions which I went to every Friday for 7 hours. I really enjoyed this and also it was very related to the subject computing which is the course I am doing at college. I did a variety of things whilst I was there and they were things such as web design, file organising, editing, packaging and constructing spreadsheet databases.	Mitchell Aldrich	➕	⊖

I got this work experience through contacting them and they arranged an interview to meet me and to show me around, we then agreed for me to have work experience there. I chose to contact this company because I knew that it was related to IT and would teach me a lot about it if I went there. I enjoyed everything I did there and the team there being really helpful and supportive also made it a much better experience.