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Career Objective

I am a junior Blockchain developer with a keen interest in Blockchain Technology as well as Financial Technology, in particular specifically financial analysis and investment on an institutional scale.

I am in my penultimate year studying a Bachelor of Computer Science at the University of Wollongong. I have a keen interest in financial technology and intend to pursue a career in the industry. This also extends into large scale systems used by financial institutions including the financial instruments utilised in a variety of industries.

My interests align themselves with a career in business analysis, consulting, project management, asset/risk management, quantitative analysis, artificial intelligence, and Blockchain development. I have started my work towards the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder accreditation to integrate finance and technology.

Experience

Blockchain Developer Mentorship – Student

July 2023 – February 2024

I graduated from an online school, a Blockchain developer bootcamp and mentorship, where I learned skills to be used in Web3 development. This included:

- Smart contract testing and development for Web3
- Experience with NFTs, DAOs, Crowdsales, Decentralised Exchanges and other Dapps.
- I have built decentralised applications using React, Redux state, Solidity, JavaScript, HTML/CSS.
- Learned to Read/Write information to and from the Ethereum Blockchain
- All development was completed using the hardhat SDK

Air BNB – Property Manager / Host

January 2022 – Present

I clean and take care of a local property that is currently registered on air BNB. I am in constant communication with the owner and guests, organising and completing any handywork required on the property, general purpose cleaning and turndown service, and attending to any client requests including issues that need immediate tending to as well as catering to any special requests. Customers are pleased with the level of communication and response with a satisfaction and rating of 4.89 on the site listing.

Cronulla Gourmet Grocer, Sutherland Shire — Manager

January 2021 – January 2022

Managing wholesale operations, staffing, and the rotation/ordering of produce across many holiday seasons.

Education

Bachelor of Computer Science

University of Wollongong 2021 – Present (expected graduation December 2024)

Blockchain Developer Mentorship, Blockchain Bootcamp 2.0, JavaScript Bootcamp

Dapp University 2023-2024

Higher School Certificate

Edmund Rice College 2015-2020

Skills

- Stakeholder Communication
- Agile Development & Scrum
- Management & organisational skills
- Punctuality
- Cross functional teams
- Work towards team goals
- Thoroughness
- Problem Solving

Technical Skills

- Solidity (Smart Contract Development)
- JavaScript
- React
- HTML
- CSS
- Redux
- Hardhat

Extra-Curricular

Boxing / Martial Arts

2021 – Present

For 3 years I have fallen in love with the discipline required to train in these arts. It has taught me the importance of perseverance and persistence when pursuing goals. I enjoy challenging myself by voluntarily returning to this environment, which places me outside of my comfort zone. In addition to the obvious physical benefit, it has directly translated into my mental focus, giving me the mental strength to deal with real-world situations outside the boxing ring.

Volunteer Work

After School tutoring and engagement - West Wollongong Public School 2018-2019

Tutoring children with homework and helping them develop their confidence in communication and social interaction.

References

Professional Referees:

- Paul Saad (Owner) Cronulla Gourmet Grocer
- Jimmy Kandilas (Owner) Rubens Slice Shop Pizza

Personal Referees:

- Dr. John Saad (Ambience Dental)
- Hassan Halil (Financial Software Developer)
- Dominic Lavalley (Owner / Coach) Reflex Martial Arts Centre

** References can be supplied on request.*