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Software Engineer

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PROFILE

Enthusiastic software engineer with 11 years of design experience and a strong computing foundation. Committed to creating seamless digital experiences through efficient, accessible and scalable code. Leveraging a design background, I'm dedicated to crafting intuitive interfaces that captivate users and bridge the gap between aesthetics and functionality.

SKILLS

Programming Languages
HTML, CSS, Sass, JavaScript, TypeScript, Node JS, MySQL

Libraries and Frameworks
React, ExpressJS, Axios, Knex.js, Jest, Framer motion

Tools and Platforms
Terminal, Git. GitHub, Postman NPM, Web APIs, Jira, Asana, Heroku, Principle, ProtoPie, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Sketch, Figma, inVision

Other Skills
Mobile-first Responsive Web Development, RESTful APIs, UI Design, Design Thinking, Prototyping

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UI Designer | Vodafone

MAR 2020 - DEC 2022, LONDON, UK

- Designed high-fidelity interfaces and experiences for Secure Net, serving 20+ million customers across 10 markets.
- Collaborated with a cross-functional product team to redesign and launch Vodafone Secure Net, resulting in a 0.8 - 1.2 star increase in app store ratings
- Produced interactive prototypes to validate designs, ensuring usability and test alignment with customer needs.
- Created design documentation and templates that streamlined team workflow and enhanced collaboration.

UI Designer | Sky

JAN 2015 - NOV 2019, LONDON, UK

- Contributed to the Sky Go's redesign from ideation to launch (2019)
- Designed and executed visual solutions for Sky Store, Sky+, Sky Q, and Sky Go in various regions, reaching millions of users through cross-functional teamwork.
- Led the design efforts for the Cinema experience in the Sky Kids App, resulting in an 11% growth in user interactions and positive feedback from parents and young viewers.

Visual Designer | DAZN Group (formerly Perform Group)

JAN 2014 - JAN 2015, LONDON, UK

- Designed sales, marketing, pitch and commercial digital ads for Perform along with major clients.
- Designed site skins, event infographics, Flash animated banners, branded ePlayer headers and site components.

EDUCATION

BrainStation | Diploma of Education, Software Engineering

JAN 2023 - APR 2023, LONDON, UK

Brunel University | BSc Hons, Multimedia Technology & Design

SEP 2007 - JUN 2011, LONDON, UK

- Brunel Excellence Scholarship for 2007-2011
- Final year project selected for Brunel's "Made In Brunel" exhibition

Leyton Sixth Form College | BTEC National Diploma in Computing

SEP 2005 - JUL 2007, LONDON, UK

PROJECTS

Lead Developer | Kitchen Geek

MAR 2023, BRAINSTATION

- Designed, programmed and tested both ends of the application. The app primarily runs on React, JavaScript, Sass, NodeJS, Express, Axios and the Spoonacular API.