Rick Grice

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Calm, loyal, and highly motivated, I am an aspiring Junior Full Stack Developer transitioning from a 21-year career in transport and logistics into software development. I retrained and achieved a Level 5 Diploma in Full Stack Software Development (E-commerce Applications) through Code Institute & the University of the West of Scotland, developing practical experience with Python, Django, SQL, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, AWS, and cloud deployment. I bring resilience, leadership, and customer-focused professionalism, and I am now seeking a junior developer role where I can apply my skills to deliver meaningful digital solutions.

Skills

- **Languages & Frameworks:** Python, Django, JavaScript (ES6+), HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Materialize
- **Databases:** PostgreSQL, SQLite
- **Tools & Platforms:** Git/GitHub, AWS S3, Heroku, Stripe, PayPal integration
- **Testing & Deployment:** Unit testing with Python/Django; Heroku cloud deployment
- **Other:** REST APIs, SEO optimisation, UX design, Responsive Web Development

- Strong **problem-solving and analytical skills** (gained through route management and IT systems in logistics)
- **Leadership and team coordination** (overseeing staff and operations at Stagecoach and HGV roles)
- **Effective communication** with clients and colleagues in high-pressure environments
- **Reliability, adaptability, and self-motivation** with proven ability to learn new systems quickly

Education

- **Level 5 Diploma in Full Stack Software Development (E-commerce Applications)** – Code Institute &University of the West of Scotland, 2025
- **Level 2 Cisco Academy IT Essentials** – Bedford College, 2014
- **Level 1 & 2 ITQ (IT User Skills)** – Bedford College, 2014
- **NVQ Level 2 Road Passenger Transport** – Stagecoach, 2006
- **GNVQ Presenting & Handling Information** – Bedford College, 2001

Projects

DS Property Group — Full-Stack E-commerce Platform | [GitHub](#)
Full-stack property services platform with subscriptions, instant quotes, and role-based dashboards.
Tech: Django, Python, PostgreSQL, Stripe, AWS S3, Bootstrap, Allauth, Heroku

Core 24 — Gym Booking System | [GitHub](#)
Premium gym booking app with authenticated bookings, dashboards, and automated testing.
Tech: Django, Python, Allauth, PostgreSQL, Bootstrap, Heroku

TC Go Co — Travel Currency Till System | [GitHub](#)
Terminal-style currency till app with stock management, sales logging, and printable receipts.
Tech: Python, GitPod, Heroku

Live Long and Play — Browser Game | [GitHub](#)
Rock–Paper–Scissors–Lizard–Spock game with responsive UI and casual gameplay.
Tech: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

BDA Fishing — Club Website |
Three-page responsive site with sign-up form and roadmap for future features.
Tech: HTML, CSS, basic JS

Work Experience

School Bus Driver, Cozys Coaches, Sandy   Sept 2024 – Present

- Drove school buses safely and responsibly, balancing study commitments while retraining in software development.
- Ensured passenger safety through daily vehicle checks and adherence to time-sensitive routes.
- Communicated clearly with passengers and adapted quickly to varied routes to maintain reliable service.
- Operated company-issued digital devices and apps to manage routes and compliance efficiently.

Career Break   Nov 2023 – Sept 2024

- Retrained in software development, completing a Level 5 Diploma in Full Stack Software Development.
- Developed resilience, adaptability, and a clear focus on building a new long-term career in technology.

HGV Driver, Multiple Employers   2017 – 2023
(including ASDA, B&M, Lineage, Marshalls)

- Delivered goods safely and efficiently across the UK and Europe, consistently meeting deadlines.
- Used digital systems (tachographs, fleet tracking, fuel cards) to ensure compliance and efficiency.
- Built strong relationships with clients, store staff, and warehouse teams, ensuring customer satisfaction.
- Maintained vehicle safety through inspections and defect reporting.
- Planned routes independently, adapting to challenges and using initiative to resolve issues.
- Demonstrated reliability, adaptability, and self-motivation in varied environments.

Controller/Driver, Stagecoach, Bedford   2011 – 2017

- Managed the Bedford bus control room, overseeing daily operations and staff assignments.
- Used IT systems to monitor performance, investigate complaints, and resolve incidents.
- Ensured passenger safety, handled cash office duties, and maintained compliance.

(Earlier role as Driver, Stagecoach Biggleswade, 2004 – 2008)