Rikk Ogden

Web Designer / Frontend Developer

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[Rikk Ogden Creative Media](https://rikkogden.github.io/RikkOgdenCreative)

I am the former website designer / frontend developer for Chadwell Travel Ltd – trading as A1travel (a1travel.com) which was recently forced into liquidation.

A loyal team player, enthusiastic, resourceful and motivated, I have a passion for the web and have good experience delivering responsive mobile-first websites. I appreciate the importance of user interface and experience and have a good eye for design.

I have spent the last couple of months researching and reskilling, bringing modern technologies such as Git, Gulp, Postcss and NPM into my workflow.

It is my goal to develop these skills further, to learn and to focus on recent and emerging technology and to work for a forward-thinking company where I’m able to absorb the knowledge of more senior developers and apply it to create cutting-edge, responsive user interfaces that impress users and increase usability.

# Core Skills

* Responsive user interfaces using HTML, CSS, Javascript and Jquery
* Some knowledge and experience with classic ASP, MS SQL, .NET
* Core understanding of OOP and programming in general.

# Work History & Experience

I was with Chadwell Travel Ltd. for almost 19 years, starting out as a holiday salesman in 1998.  
After a few years, the company needed a web presence, and having a background in art and a keen interest in technology, I was given the opportunity to see if I could build something. I bought a book on HTML and after a couple of months I had created the company's very first website.

I was solely responsible for the website for the first half of its life. During this time, I would develop my core HTML and CSS skills and gain some experience in a range of technology. I built a CMS and front end to display deals using classic ASP and MS SQL, as well as a company intranet with a login and administration area.

For the last few years server-side development shifted to .NET and was outsourced to India and my responsibilities moved into managing this team whilst maintaining frontend development and design duties.  
At the same time I would also be tasked with the design and management of two sister websites, as well as email marketing and general creative tasks.

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| **Sales Advisor**, Chadwell Travel Ltd, Ilford, Essex | [1998 — 2004] |
| **Webmaster**, Chadwell Travel Ltd, Ilford, Essex | [2004 — 2017] |

# Education

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| **Eccles College**, Eccles, Manchester | [1993 - 1995] |
| Art – B, English Literature – B, Media Studies - C |  |
| **Eccles Church of England High School**, Eccles, Manchester | [1988 - 1993] |
| 9 GCSEs graded A-C |  |

# Interests

I have a passion for rock music and can play guitar and drums and like to go to concerts as often as I’m able.

I also enjoy comic books and general geek culture. I’m an avid video gamer and plan to do a YouTube channel documenting my gaming failures. Much of my time these days is taken up by my 2-year old daughter which is a great excuse to play with Lego and build dens in the house.