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PROFILE

I am a software developer currently enrolled in a Full Stack Software Development Diploma and actively pursuing a career change from teaching into the tech industry. I bring excellent communication and teamwork skills which have been developed through a 16 year teaching career, in addition to my rapidly improving tech knowledge. I enjoy challenges and have a logical, responsive working style. I am really keen to contribute to a tech environment and team. I am nearing the end of the course and have gained good experience with technologies such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript and Python as well as libraries such as Django, Flask, Bootstrap and Materialize. I am a very quick learner and would thrive in developing my skills in a working environment.

I had a previous career in teaching stretching 16 years. In this time I had roles of PE and Maths teacher, Head of Department and Head of Faculty where I had responsibility for leading small teams.

		Technical skill set		
	Databases	Libraries	Version Control	
HTML 5	MySQL	Bootstrap	Git	Balsamiq
CSS	Postgres	JQuery	GitHub	
Javascript		Django		
Python		Flask		
		Materialize		

EXPERIENCE

Student - The code institute — 2021 - present

In May 2021 I embarked on a career change by enrolling in a Full Stack Software Development Bootcamp with the Code Institute during this time I have gained experience working with HTML5, CSS, Javascript and Python along with Flask and Django whilst completing the course projects. The following projects can be found on my GitHub.

Project 1 - Lake District Cycling

Created with HTML and CSS

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- Project 2 Rock Paper Scissors Lizard Spock
 Created with HTML, CSS and Javascript
- Project 3 Ultimate Hangman
 Created with Python
- Project 4 Cockapoo Cafe

Created with HTML, CSS and Javascript, Python, Django, Bootstrap and Postgres

The course has been very challenging at times, it has taken a great deal of dedication and perseverance to first learn the technologies and frameworks and then put them into practice. I feel a great sense of achievement in the work that I have achieved and am looking forward to being able to develop my skills further, working in an industry that is so varied and interesting. I have built on the skills and experience gained through the course projects by taking part in Hackathons, where I have worked collaboratively with other developers on the same project. It was such a great experience working on a project as part of a team, deciding on the project goals and sharing the work to be completed. One example of this can be found here. I learned a lot during this project as I was only in the early stages of the course and being part of a project using Django was a giant leap. However through reading a lot of documentation and talking to the more experienced members of the team I was able to contribute a great deal to the finished project.

Previous Career as teacher — 2005 - 2021

September 2020 – 2021: Garstang Community Academy

- Teacher of Maths
- Teacher of Physical Education

September 2005 – 2020: West Craven High School

- Teacher of Physical Education
- Teacher of Maths
- Head of Faculty

EDUCATION

2020 - present The Code Institute

Full stack web development Diploma

2002 – 2005 St Martins College, Lancaster
BA (Hons) in Physical Education with QTS (Secondary)

2000 – 2002 Blackpool Sixth Form College

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A Levels in Physical Education, Biology A-S Levels in Sociology, Graphics

1999 – 2000 Rossall School (Rugby Scholarship)
Attained Mathematics GCSE Grade C
Awarded 'Player of the Year' for Rugby

Interests

I have an ever growing interest in technology and enjoy taking part in Hackathons, particularly as I get to use the skills that I have learned whilst working with other developers and sharing skills that will help me to become more proficient.

Taking part in sports and physical recreation has been a lifelong passion of mine. I have played Rugby Union since the age of 7 with my greatest achievements of Representing Lancashire and being captain of the University team. Since hanging up my boots I have kept active by training for and competing in marathons, one of my favourite races being the Man vs Horse race in Wales, which required the most determined of minds to complete!