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Personal Statement

Confident and resolute full-stack software development graduate pursuing a junior role in tech. With a master's in chemistry, I am eager to apply my blend of problem solving skills in a new capacity. Experience in science recruitment has honed my exceptional interpersonal skills, fostering professional relationships with clientele. These skills were instrumental in the coding bootcamp I recently completed, where through collaborative pair programming I sharpened my communication and teamwork abilities. Now, I am eager to join a dynamic development team where I can expand my abilities and work on impactful projects. Ambitious and academically strong, I thrive on embracing fresh challenges and I am excited to embark on my new career path, ready to make a positive difference in the right role.

Technical Skills

Languages: JavaScript (Node.js), TypeScript

Frontend: React, React Native, HTML, CSS, Axios, Tailwind, Expo, User Stories

Backend: Express, PostgreSQL (PSQL), Firebase, Insomnia

Testing: Jest

Cloud services: Github

Experience

Junior Software Developer, Northcoders, Manchester

Mar 2023 - Jun 2023

Northcoders stands as an industry-leading, JavaScript software development bootcamp, renowned for its emphasis on practical learning. Their comprehensive curriculum covers both back end and front end coding, equipping me with the highly sought-after technology skills that are relevant and in-demand in the industry.

- Significantly enhanced my coding proficiency, acquiring comprehensive skills in app and web
 development and progressing from learning the fundamentals of JavaScript to showcasing a fullstack mobile application by the programs end. Final Project
- Embraced industry best practises, including Test-Driven Development (TDD), Model-View-Controller (MVC) and asynchronous coding to build a restful API that handled news articles data and comments stored relationally in a PSQL database. <u>Back End API</u>
- Designed a fully functional front-end website for the news articles API, that can read articles, post comments and vote on them, and log in to user profiles. Front End Website
- Engaged in collaborative efforts with fellow developers delivering high quality code on smaller projects by utilising pair programming techniques and practicing version control using web-based platforms such as GitHub.

Account Consultant, SRG, Salford Quays

Apr 2021 - Jan 2023

- During my tenure with the National Accounts Team (NAT) within SRG, I managed several of the largest accounts within the pharmaceutical sector including Pfizer and AstraZeneca. I was the primary liaison between hiring managers and candidates and built strong relationships with both parties.
- I matched talented professionals with rewarding opportunities which aligned with their skills sets. I organised regular client update meetings and on-site visits, fostering an open communication and ensured thorough understanding of client needs and preferences.
- Additionally I supplied candidates nationally to other major global organisations in the chemical, biotechnology manufacturing sectors.

Synthetic Chemist, Bachem, St Helens

Aug 2020 - Mar 2021

- Working in an ISO13485:2016 certified laboratory that specialised in the manufacturing of peptides and complex organic molecules as active pharmaceutical ingredients on a global market.
- My responsibilities included operating a variety of automated synthesisers, performing manual modifications to peptides and biochemicals under strict time deadlines and thorough documentation all work completed in compliance with standard operating procedures.

Sales Associate, Urban Outfitters, Leeds

Jul 2019 - Nov 2019

• Delivered excellent customer service in a fast-paced environment. Worked in a competitive team which regularly achieved the highest percentage of customer rewards registrations on the tills. Displayed attention to detail when organising displays, stock taking and customer requests.

Charity Fundraiser, MonDial Fundraising, Sydney, Australia

Nov 2018 – Dec 2018

• Built and maintained professional relationships with charity pledges. Informed donors on the new projects that their chosen charities were involved in and aided in any queries they had. Negotiated funding with either past, present or existing donors and handled sensitive data.

Laboratory Demonstrator, University of Wollongong, Australia

Aug 2018 – Nov 2018

• Demonstrated short experiments in the laboratory at several university open days for prospective students and their family members. Explained the theory behind the experiments and answered questions regarding the degree and university life with potential applicants.

Mountain Biking Instructor, Trails End Camp, USA

Jun 2017 – Aug 2017

• Coached children from ages 6-16 and conducted bike-rides and hikes out in the wilderness in addition to working on the high ropes course and rock wall. Responsible for boys in my bunk (aged 10-11) during excursions and activities, in addition to their general wellbeing at all times.

Education

MChem with Study Abroad (2:1)

Sep 2016 - Jun 2020

University of Leeds, University of Wollongong, Australia

- My final masters research project was at the interface of chemistry and biology. It involved the
 design and synthesis of reactive peptides and studying their interaction with peroxisomal proteins. I
 independently planned and executed a year-long series of experiments, showcasing my research
 capabilities. I carried out solid phase peptide synthesis, where peptide chains were constructed
 before employing site-directed mutagenesis to engineer recombinant proteins for analysis.
- For my third year research project that took place in Australia, I delved into the environmental
 impact of 'pickle liquor', a commonly used waste product in industrial plants. Through extensive
 laboratory analysis, I assessed its effects on the environment and proposed more sustainable and
 cost effective alternatives. Furthermore, outside of university I took up surfing lessons, travelled up
 the east coast of Australia, explored both islands of New Zealand on the Kiwi bus and visited Bali
 also.

St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Cheshire

Sep 2009 - Jun 2016

- A Levels: Biology (A), Chemistry (A), English Language & Literature (A).
- AS Level: Economics (B)
- GCSE's: 2 (A*), 5 (A), 2 (B) including Mathematics and English.

Hobbies

I enjoy running and have actively participated in various social running groups in Manchester. Currently, I am training for the upcoming Manchester Half Marathon, with my ultimate aim being to complete the London Marathon next year and other renowned marathons worldwide. Additionally, I am consistently engaged in learning new skills. At present, I'm working on enhancing my Spanish proficiency by attending weekly meet-ups with the Manchester Intercambio group, which is a vibrant and immersive learning environment where we gather and engage in lively conversations, sharing our knowledge over tapas.