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Experience

01/10/2018 – Present
PHP Developer • Parallax

At parallax I worked as a backend developer mainly working with Laravel applications but also had some experience dealing with infrastructure, Typescript, Vue, Svelte and Ionic apps.

While there I worked on various large client projects and got stuck in to many mobile apps. I also spent some of my time learning how their CI/CD processes worked.

02/09/2018 – 17/09/2018
Developer • Tech Camp Participant • Trivago

In September I worked at Trivago's headquarters in Germany for two weeks. To earn my place at Trivago Tech Camp I had to write a data pipeline using Node.js and demonstrate my knowledge of software design and the ability to write software that is easy to manage and extend in the future. While there me and my team built a tool in go and Express that allowed teams to write their articles using markdown using Google docs, commit and have it automatically export to a HTML format via a pipeline that made use of our application.

09/2017 - 2018
Freelancer • Developer & Technical Advisor

For the past few months I've been working as a freelancer for various companies mainly working on PHP ecommerce platforms built using Laravel and Magento. I've also be responsible for managing and maintaining AWS infrastructure and improving security for websites along with increasing their page speed performance.

09/2014 – 08/2017
Developer • Ascensor

At Ascensor I worked with many clients, both large and small. One of my greatest achievements while working there was architecting and implementing a training and management software solution for a large PLC client. While working at Ascensor I mainly did backend development using Laravel but would also keep myself familiar with frontend and website performance optimisation. The types of sites I worked on were mainly ecommerce and brochure sites with a few exceptions.

Education

University of Huddersfield, Huddersfield. – 2017 - ~
- Computing Science (BSc Hons)
Wakefield College
- BTEC Extended Diploma in IT – 2013 – 2015 - MMM

Communication

I enjoy problem solving and can effectively communicate how problems should be tackled and how I identify them. I always try to speak my mind and frequently share my thoughts on how certain technologies can be used to benefit business.

Hobbies

A lot of my personal time is spent learning new things. Recently I've been investing a lot of my time in to learning AWS and Docker and working on some personal projects. Programming is a genuine passion of mine which is why I like to attend tech meet ups and challenge myself every so often to learn a new language/framework.

Some of the meetups I attend include; PHP Leeds, Laravel Leeds, Leeds Js, Huddersfield Computing Society.

I enjoy writing about technologies I'm interested in and recently was featured in The Overflow newsletter for an article I wrote about setting up a useful local docker dev env (January 2019).

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Skills

- JavaScript
- jQuery
- AJAX
- React
- Vue
- ES6
- NPM
- Node
- Express
- PHP
- Laravel
- WordPress
- Linux
- AWS
- MySQL
- HTML
- CSS
- SCSS || LESS
- Docker
- Kubernetes
- Webpack
- Grunt/Gulp
- Java
- Bukkit Plugins
- Git
- Jira
- Agile Workflow
- Software Design
- Working with XML and JSON APIs
- Photoshop