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Personal Statement

Striving to be the best has furthered my skills and abilities. Taking an alternate point of view to new situations and environments has made me embrace change whenever there is a need. I work well under pressure, to deadlines and am looking for work in an environment which allows me to broaden my skills and learn from new experiences.

Skills

Web / Application Design

JavaScript - This is the language I enjoy the most, i've created a few things on my portfolio using different techniques and skills found in **JavaScript**, it is the language I focus my skillset around. Alongside this I have been improving my skills with **JQuery** which I use all the time for more streamlined **JavaScript**.

I have dabbled in **NodeJS** and from what i've used it seems to make blending front-end with back-end a breeze without having to incorporate another language into the project. Being able to do everything in **Javascript** has allowed me to further improve my skills by using **JavaScript** in ways I didn't used to think were possible.

Bootstrap - I have used the **React** library in the past and am going to be focusing on it again in the future, I ended up using **Bootstrap** when creating my portfolio as there wasn't a need for a back-end and using NPM would've been overkill. I enjoy using **Bootstrap**, the grid system is a very useful tool and it makes creating responsive websites much easier than it ever was in the past.

Command Prompt & GIT - These are two tools which I believe can be essential for anyone looking to get into back-end web or application development. The **Command Prompt** is something I use on a basic level, it is mainly used when I am using **NodeJS** or **GIT**. **GIT** is something I am hoping to improve on in the future, my current skills in the area only lie in uploading to repositories and being able to commit and roll back versions of my files.

HTML & CSS - I have been using these two for years, I believe I am at a decent level in both areas though I believe there is always room to improve and I find myself learning more about both languages on every project I embark upon.

PHP - This is a language I haven't used in a while, it used to be my primary language for any back-end web development until **JavaScript** became more dominant and **NodeJS** came into the picture. It was something I did enjoy and I found it made using **SQL** simple and effective. I find it to be a simple and straightforward programming language which can provide many benefits when used efficiently.

Other Skills

Microsoft Office - Word, Excel, Access & PowerPoint

Adobe Creative Suite - Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash & Fireworks

General - I am a hard working person who likes to complete tasks to the best of my ability. I work well in a team and am always looking to improve my self, I find working in a team to provide many benefits, everyone has different views and experiences which we can all learn from.

Work Experience

General

I have had quite a few different jobs, my first one was a role as a picker at a place called The Original Factory Shop, it was hard work and I was required to hit hourly targets. It was exhausting but it taught me the value of hard work, after a while I was instructed to teach others on the basics that the job entailed, it was a rewarding experience and something I thoroughly enjoyed.

My most recent job had me working two different departments at Tesco, In one I worked making sure the prices put out were correct and customers needs were fulfilled, which generally meant helping them find products or answering any queries they may have had. In the other I worked outside pushing trolleys, this was hard work and I felt it was a rewarding experience. During busy periods we had to coordinate as a team otherwise we weren't able to keep up with the demand of the customers needs.

Web Development

I gained some experience in web development whilst I worked for a company called SharpFutures, five of us were put together and tasked with creating a booking app for the company, we were aided by a company called NorthCoders who gave us tips and helped us by answering any queries we had regarding **JavaScript**.

We ended up using **Bootstrap, JavaScript & NodeJS** with a **MongoDB** to create the application. This is where I first learned about **NodeJS** and found it an exciting and informative experience. We used paired programming to help each other and delegated tasks between us all. It was rewarding and made me realise that I wanted to pursue a career in programming, I was eager to learn and found being part of a team trying to work together to achieve a goal as one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life.

Job History

Tesco (Customer Assistant)

December '16 - June '18

SharpFutures (Web & Application Developer - 9 Week Project)

January '16 - April '16

The Original Factory Shop (Picker)

July '15 - November '15

Education

I have been interested in web development since I started learning about it during my time at college, I learnt core skills such as working in a team, working to deadlines and working to high standards. I gained a core understanding of web design principles, which involved working with **HTML, CSS & PHP**. Early on I also worked with a language called **Visual Basic** which kick started my enthusiasm with using objects in programming.

I went into university with an understanding of the basics of web design and was looking to improve upon them, to get enough of an understanding to gain a career. I managed to work on multiple projects with other university students, which helped me realise how to coordinate and work as a team player. My main focus at the time was on developing my **PHP** skills further, which was done alongside a lot of time working on databases using **Oracle**. I managed to gain more experience using **HTML & CSS** which was aided when I was taught the main principles of **UX Design**. I focused on the needs of the user and learnt to design my websites based on the characteristics of good user experience design.

Through both college and university I improved upon myself as a person, I grew more confident as time passed by and learnt from those I met along the way. I believe that other people have a lot they can teach you and going forward in life with the mindset of wanting to improve yourself can be a benefit to your working and personal life.

Certifications

Northumbria University (Web Design & Development Bsc)

Sept '11 - June '15

Burnley College (IT Software Level 3)

Sept '09 - June '11 (Grade: DDD)

Burnley College (IT Software Level 2)

Sept '08 - June '09 (Grade: Distinction *)

Blessed Trinity (Secondary School)

9 GCSE's A-C Including English, Maths & Science