B:lly Watson

I am a creative, responsible and self-motivated man from the Peaks with just under five years' experience as a Web Developer - both in agency and in-house environments. I graduated with a First in Multimedia Technology at Leeds Metropolitan University; which taught me a wide variety of creative skills over a range of media formats. My interests include scuba diving, music, travel and mountain biking.

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Professional Experience:

Front End Developer
Plusnet, Sheffield
May 2016 - December 2017

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- In-house JavaScript expert at major ISP whose site receives millions of hits per year
- Mentored placement student during project to rebuild Service Status in Angular
- Introduced and implemented unit testing using Mocha, Chai and Sinon to avoid bugs
- Developed new prototype Member Centre in Angular after conducting user testing
- Rebuilt old Grunt build stack in Gulp, saving the department 3 day's dev time per year
- Completed code reviews for entire department to encourage clean, manageable code
- Worked with Analyst team and Tag Manager to track user behaviour, providing insights

Front End Developer
Havas Lynx, Manchester
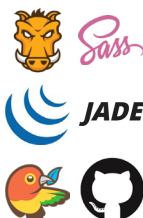March 2014 - August 2015

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- Promoted to mid-weight following advancement of skills and knowledge as a junior
- Key member of Front End team, initiated and led both individual and team projects
- Mentored junior dev, advising on key decisions and best practices to develop skills
- Honed JS skills with use of Knockout, Require and writing custom Handlebars helpers
- Involved in all aspects of project lifecycle; from planning and design until deployment
- Learnt how to create custom Wordpress themes and developed knowledge of PHP
- Quoted and estimated for timelines, hired freelancers and helped to manage resource

Junior Front End Developer
Havas Lynx, Manchester
July 2012 - March 2014

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- Given full time role as a junior developer after impressing during placement
- Developer of websites, apps and eDetails - including various client CLM platforms
- Collaborated with Mobile team for iOS apps, using TeamCity and provisioning profiles
- Involved in developing new build stack, moving from Jekyll + Zepto to Grunt + jQuery
- Helped with the company switchover from SVN to Git for more flexible version control
- Experience of using templating tools like Assemble and Jade to avoid code repetition
- Ran rapid prototyping - night app development based on global company conference

Placement Developer
Havas Lynx, Manchester
July 2012

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- Offered placement after being headhunted at university Creative Showcase
- Furthered exposure to modern web technologies including HTML5, Sass and Zepto
- Gained experience of JavaScript programming in an industry environment
- Used company boilerplate to complete tasks such as graph animation and bug fixes
- Redesigned project repo page, improving page speed, usability and accessibility
- Gained exposure to Back End technologies by working on PHP and .NET websites

Professional Experience:

Placement Developer
Maraid Design, York
June 2012

- Only placement offered by agency that year - decision based on my previous projects
- Used modern web technologies including aspects of Responsive Design and SEO
- Expanded knowledge of Flash/ActionScript in a commercial environment

Freelance Designer/Developer
Dynamic Business Services, Leeds
May - June 2012

- Offered work as an internal freelancer after impressing director at Creative Showcase
- Worked on a range of projects, including eLearning systems for major clients
- Involved in Illustration, Design, Flash and Web Development

Work Experience
Gas Street Works, Birmingham
September 2011

- Industry work experience at Birmingham-based video and animation company
- Worked on ongoing commercial projects, coordinating with Account Managers
- Tasks included aspects of Video Editing using Final Cut Pro

Professional Skills:

My wealth of experience in different parts of the industry - covering agency, in-house and freelance roles - has taught me skill sets over a range of different web languages and technologies. I specialise in JavaScript and have thorough experience of using modern techniques and frameworks including Angular and Vue; but also have a thirst to learn new things and further develop my knowledge and skills.

I have experience of mentoring junior developers and am passionate about usability and accessibility and how these enhance user experience. I am also very skilled in using creative software including Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and Final Cut Pro.

Education/Qualifications:

Leeds Metropolitan University   2009-2012
First Class BSc (Hons) in Multimedia Technology
One of only six students chosen to exhibit final year project at Creative Showcase

Lady Manners School, Bakewell   2001-2008
12 GCSE grades and 3 A-Levels achieved: -
English, Psychology and Media

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