

Billy Watson

I am a creative, responsible and self-motivated Web Developer from the Peaks with five years' experience.

I have worked in both agency and client side roles, and graduated with a First in Multimedia Technology at Leeds Metropolitan University. 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

plusnet

- 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
- Acted up and ran department during replacement for outgoing Head of Front End
- Honed JS skills with use of Knockout, Require and writing custom Handlebars helpers
- Mentored junior dev, advising on key decisions and best practices to develop skills
- Responsible for scheduling and timelines, hiring freelance resource where necessary
- Learnt how to create custom Wordpress themes and developed knowledge of PHP

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 including 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

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- 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 – spanning 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 skills and further develop my knowledge to stay at the cutting edge.

I have experience of mentoring junior developers and am passionate about usability and accessibility and how these enhance user experience. I am also highly 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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