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ABOUT ME

Passionate Software Developer adept in test-driven development, object-oriented programming, and full-stack development. Drawing on unique career experiences in recruitment, education, and sales internationally, I blend technical expertise with customer-centric skills. Eager to apply my problem-solving abilities and strong communication skills to deliver impactful software solutions.

LEARNING NOW / LEARNING NEXT

Currently learning:

Improving my fundamentals with TypeScript and Next.js / integrating CSS frameworks in projects / trying Firebase and Supabase in future projects

Wanting to next learn/improve:

My Japanese language skills / Svelte / PHP / Java / C# / typing speed

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript / TypeScript (using Node.js/browser as environments), Python, SQL, HTML/ CSS

Frameworks: React.js, Next.js, Express, FastAPI

Databases: SQL, PostgreSQL (PSQL), MongoDB

Development: Test Driven Development (TDD), Object Oriented Programming (OOP), Pair Programming, project management, Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC), seeding, migrations

Testing / Version control: Jest, Supertest, Postman, Insomnia, Lighthouse, DevTools, Git / GitHub

Methodologies: Agile, Scrum, Kanban

PROJECTS

Eventure (Music Events Platform)– (freelance project):

Tech Stack: TypeScript, Next.js, MongoDB, Node.js

- Full-stack platform that serves as a hub to spotlight global music events, and a place to create and manage your own events, allowing others to buy tickets through Stripe payment.
- Features full user authentication with Clerk, offers CRUD functionality for events giving users full control over event management and includes more such as search and filtering capabilities and customer order management pages.

NC News – (a social news/discussion website):

Tech stack: JavaScript, React, PostgreSQL, Express, Node.js

- Deployed RESTful API on backend to access data programmatically from frontend, using TDD, CRUD, and parametric endpoints
- Built accessible user interface in React using thorough state management, custom hooks, component design and handling errors

LEAP – (an AI- powered learning platform):

- Tech Stack: TypeScript, Python, Next.js, MongoDB, FastAPI

As part of a six-member group, successfully implemented agile approach and managed time efficiently to achieve MVP in just under two weeks

- Utilised a completely new technical stack successfully, implementing component-based architecture, state management, and responsive web design whilst using UI libraries Daisy and Tailwind for styling

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Software Developer, Remote

Present

- Provides software development services for clientele, including professional portfolio websites and web-based event booking platform
- Consistently improving technical and soft skills through thorough planning and project management, also showing my passion towards software development

IT Recruitment Consultant at Specialized Group, Tokyo, Japan

June 2022 – May 2023

- Managed full recruitment cycle from sourcing to final offer negotiations across mid-to-executive level positions in the software industry
- Utilised strong project management skills in fast-paced environments, nurturing client and candidate relationships, and developing new leads in emerging technology fields
- Demonstrated solid teamwork and communication skills through communicating with both technical and non-technical professionals, whilst driving daily team catch ups and candidate sharing

Associate Consultant at East West Consulting, Tokyo, Japan

October 2021 – May 2022

- Assisted manager with full lifecycle recruitment, sourcing and evaluating candidates; focusing on bilingual business and customer-facing roles in top SaaS companies and platforms
- Built candidate network from scratch, gained huge understanding for industry trends, and consistently proved a top performer in weekly evaluations.

English Language Instructor at Piccadilly School, Kagawa, Japan

January 2020 – August 2021

- Generated personalised learning materials to effectively teach speaking, listening and translation abilities to ESL learners
- Planned and implemented school events amid COVID-19 restrictions, such as coding workshops for kids

Sales Support Assistant at Marubeni-Komatsu, Birmingham

July 2019 – December 2019

- Successfully maintained strong relationships with mid-sized clients and generated new sales leads

EDUCATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

Northcoders, Software Development Bootcamp, Remote

January 2024 – May 2024

13-Week Software Development bootcamp provided by award-winning school, learning full-stack web development. Covered fundamentals such as Object-Oriented Programming and functional programming while implementing industry Best Practices such as Test-Driven Development and Pair Programming, enhancing my problem-solving and collaboration skills further

University of Leeds, BA English and Japanese (2:1)

September 2015 – July 2019

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), N2 Business Level

July 2017

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

Languages: Japanese (Business fluency) & Korean (conversational)

Interests:

- Frequenting videos & blogs on software development to keep up with latest industry trends
- Engaging in continuous online learning for both software and languages
- Attending concerts, plays, film enthusiast and chasing after the best cup of coffee