**Job-Readiness Review - Portfolio**

**Name: Baldev Patel Date: 06/07/2017**

**Rated by: Manuel Cubuca Portfolio link:** <http://www.baldevpatel.co.uk/>

**Verdict: Progress to Stage 4/with condition of making the necessary changes as suggested.**

**Candidates must achieve at least 16/20 points to progress to Stage 4 (with a minimum of 3 in each category) and also pass the review of the projects.**

**The portfolio MUST ALSO BE BUG-FREE.**

**Total: 16**

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| **Portfolio: User experience** | | | | | **Score** |
| Works correctly – no bugs  Loads quickly  Readable font – good size, clear font, sensible colour  Easy to navigate – scrolling and menus  Proofread – good spelling and grammar  Concise text | | | | |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| **Portfolio: Responsiveness** | | | | |  |
| Please use a site like <https://www.responsinator.com/> (for phones) or try on different screens. We have 1600x900 screens in the office, so can test that for you.  Looks good on:  large screens (1600 x 900)  medium screens (1366 x 768)  tablets (1024 x 600)  phones (640 x 1136) | | | | |  |
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| **Portfolio: Clear message** | | | | |  |
| Name on home page – clear  Job title – clear and unambiguous, e.g. C#/ASP.NET MVC Developer  Photo/background on homepage consistent with objectives, e.g. job hunting in London  About paragraph – clear, positive, max 200 words  Education  Experience  Contact details  Links to LinkedIn, GitHub (but not Facebook, Twitter, etc.) | | | | |  |
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| **Portfolio: Appearance** | | | | |  |
| Neat alignment  Pleasant colour scheme – neutral colours, well co-ordinated  Modern, streamlined look  Good use of pictures and graphics | | | | |  |
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**Other comments:**

Hi Baldev, here is my review of your portfolio.

**Homepage**

The homepage looks different from the last version I saw in the classroom training, but I understand the idea of the layout you intend to create, keeping it clean and simple. But I think is missing a spotlight to catch my attention and eye. Here is what I am suggesting:

1. If you going to keep the layout, then you may need to change your picture. The photo is coming across a bit grumpy, the same picture with a nice natural smile would look great.
2. The background colour on the homepage is fine but should have more impact visually if you could include a video or some sort of interactive animation to complement the square container in the middle. Have a look at this example for interactive animation:
   1. <http://www.kurtcorbett.co.uk/>
3. The LinkedIn and GitHub icons are linking to respective sites but are taking your portfolio away. You could use target:\_blank to open another tab and keep your portfolio in place.
4. The main navigation links are slightly big for a more modern design effect, it would be nice to reduce the font-size. I believe the CSS Rule that is affecting the size is below, change the font-size or comment the property:

.navBP {

font-size: 1.5em;

color: #ffffff !important;

z-index: 1005;

}

**About**

The about section idea is great with the console.writeline, but the content is not quite right. I believe you are concentrating too much on your life journey. I think you need to tell us a history about your IT journey, we are not comfortable with this sentence “I grew up there in a middle class \* family”. Please have a look at this example: <http://fernandopinto.co.uk/>

**Portfolio**

This section is fine, nothing to worry about. The only small change is to add padding to the right container when the text is close to the left side of the container. But is not major, if is going to break your layout then is fine you could leave it as it’s. Under the images of the projects, you have the demo and GitHub links, when mouse hover is displaying underline, is not needed remove it.

**Skills**

Nothing to change here, just an idea maybe you could add another column for your soft skills and write 2 or 3 paragraphs. But, once again is not a must you could write most of your soft skills in the well written About section.

**Background**

This section again nothing to change, I would remove the underline of the button “Download my CV”.

**Contact**

Great nothing to worry about, I don’t know if your contact form is working but is not validating. Is not giving me messages if, for instance, I enter a wrong email and click send message button. If the form is working, then maybe there’s no need to worry about that. I would move the mobile number and email address at the top of the contact form and leave the address, LinkedIn and GitHub icons and copyright in the footer.

The icons in the footer are taking me back to the top of the page is that right? Have a look at it, please. I would also make my email and mobile phone number clickable with mailto: and tel: attributes, email to open the default email client of the visitor computer and mobile number to call the number directly when the website is being viewed on mobile devices.

**General**

You must proofread the entire website from top to bottom, they are few obvious spelling mistakes and grammar that must be corrected. I guess to didn’t pay much attention to your content while working on your projects but now you need to get someone to help you proofread your content. You could also use Grammarly: <https://www.grammarly.com/i> there’s a free version you can install with Microsoft Word.

You have small issues with mobile responsiveness, please go to this link and have a look yourself: <http://testsize.com/> .

Also, consider changing the font style of your entire content to sans serif, instead of serif fonts that you have at the moment. Ultimately, is your choice but I just think sans serif will look better compared to serif fonts. Again, whenever you have links with underlined, you should remove the underline is an old fashion trick, changing the colour of the link is much more appropriate.

That’s all, I know you are not a Front End Developer but is up to you to consider the suggestions above. You don’t need to implement them all, I have been proven wrong in the past, they only suggestions based on my experience.

I have scored you 16 out of 20, but you must make the changes suggested above, mainly the spelling and grammar. Only then I will pass your portfolio to Chris and the recruitment team for job hunting (not forgetting the changes and feedback from Louise about your projects).

**What candidate should do next:**

1. **Make fixes listed above**

**Fixes confirmed as complete:**

**Trainer: Date:**