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**Profile:**

A recent graduate of the DevelopMe tech accelerator course with a background in financial services. After experiencing being part of the development process as both an end user and business analyst I became increasingly interested into learning the skills required to be a software developer. Now with a fundamental understanding of programming and web technologies including JavaScript and PHP, I am seeking my first role in software development to build on the skills I’ve been using below:

**Web Technologies:** HTML5, CSS, JavaScript (Vanilla & DOM), Object Orientated PHP

**Frameworks:** React / Redux, Laravel

**Tooling:** Git, Gulp, npm, Vagrant, Chrome Developer Tools, VS Code, pair programming, TDD

**Programming:** types, variables, functions, data structure

**Server-side:** MySQL, database migrations, APIs, templating with Blade,

**Organisation:** project management, Agile, documentation and reporting

**Projects:**

**Football Five A-Side Picker**

HTML, CSS, React, Redux

An app that allows users to create and customise two randomly assigned teams and returns match conditions and a result bases on team abilities.

[Link](https://bpdm88.github.io/football-picker/) | [Code](https://github.com/bpdm88/football-picker)

**My Subscription**

HTML, CSS, React, Redux, Laravel

A group project completed on the DevelopMe coding bootcamp - My Subscription is an API driven app which allows users to view and manage their subscriptions.

[Link](https://bpdm88.github.io/subscriptions-app/) | [Code](https://github.com/bpdm88/subscriptions-app)

**Stock Watchlist / Financial Goal Calculator**

HTML, CSS, JS,

Currently working on two finance related apps to add to my portfolio having completed the DeveleopMe course.

Link | Code

**Education:**

**Develop Me - Full Stack Software Development Course -** Sept 2020 - Dec 2020

Intensive project-driven 12-week software development on the web-stack course, taught by industry professionals using best practice approaches.

**Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning – CII DIPFS -** Feb 2017 - Jan 2019

A qualification in financial planning which is regulated by the Chartered Institute of Insurance, the qualification consists of passing six examinations.

**University West of England – Real Estate Management: MSc -** Sept 2012 - May 2014

For my masters I studied areas including real estate economics and valuation, managerial finance for the built environment, real estate investment and development.

**University of Plymouth – Business Economics: BSc 2:1 (Hons) -** Sep 2009 - May 2012

During my degree I studied areas such as international economics, environmental economics, and game theory. As a part of my degree, I wrote a dissertation on the effects of economic variety on growth and development in Bristol and Plymouth, where I achieved a first (1st).

**Employment:**

**Wealth at Work -** Pension Paraplanner – April 2020 – August – 2020

Hired to work as a paraplanner for the financial advice team. Covid-19 meant that I was furloughed immediately and unable to start the position. The increasingly difficult economic climate at the time meant the company were no longer in position for me to start the role and was made redundant.

**Hargreaves Lansdown -** Business Analyst - Oct 2019 – March – 2020

Worked within HL’s Active Savings division – a cash savings service which allows clients to secure market leading interest rates. Working with different stakeholders including Operations, Software Developers and Product owners to develop the existing service and integrate technology.

* Used Jira and Confluence to write up documentation and workflow items
* Worked as part of a scrum team using Agile ways of working
* Wrote user stories for developers based on what was discussed in refinement sessions
* Helped deliver a new feature for clients which enabled money to be swept into an easy access saver account automatically.

**Hargreaves Lansdown -** Pension Transfer Analyst / Team Leader – Jan 2016 – Sept – 2019

Compiled analysis reports on client’s pensions and other financial products for a team of financial advisers who used these reports to help base their recommendations and form part of their financial planning report.

* Promoted to team leader in March 2018 and led a team of six analysts.
* Identified statistics were not being kept in any detail for the department. I created and implemented a statistics dashboard which displayed KPI’s for the department which was then distributed to a monthly manager meeting.
* Worked as a subject matter expert as part of a project team to develop a front and back end workflow system for the Pension Transfer Analyst Team and Financial Advisers.

**Hargreaves Lansdown –** Investment Helpdesk Consultant / Senior - Nov 2013 – Dec – 2015

First point of contact for clients of Hargreaves Lansdown, answering queries from clients by phone, email and face to face. Dealt with a broad range of enquiries on the main investment products and services offered by Hargreaves Lansdown in a clear and concise manner.

* Promoted to senior in April 2015 which meant I was responsible for monitoring other colleague’s work
* Main point of contact for overseeing client queries for the acquisition of an existing client base at J.P Morgan and the introduction of Portfolio+ a ready-made portfolio service.
* Worked through periods of increased business levels including several initial public offerings.