# Bruce Taylor - Frontend Web Developer / UI Developer

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## **Profile Summary**

I'm a seasoned Frontend Web Developer / UI Developer with nearly two decades of experience. I have a strong track record of crafting user-friendly, responsive, accessible, and resilient websites in a wide range of sectors, with many of them in the travel and loyalty sector where I made substantial contributions to projects for renowned brands like Airmiles, Avios, and IAG Loyalty. I specialise in the 'front-of-the-frontend', the somewhat broad and fuzzy intersection between design and back-end engineering. I excel in roles that balance user and developer experiences while ensuring a positive user journey.

With my extensive background as a Frontend Developer, a deep understanding of Frontend and UI development, an eagerness to learn new skills and programming languages, a commitment to excellence, and an ability to work with both technical and non-technical people, I believe I am an ideal candidate for roles requiring leadership, technical prowess, and a dedication to delivering exceptional user experiences.

## **Key Technical Experience & Skills**

- HTML5, CSS, SCSS, LESS, JavaScript (ES5 & ES6+)
- Static Site Generators & Web frameworks (11ty, Astro, Jekyll, Svelte, Vue)
- Templating languages (Nunjucks, Liquid, Handlebars)
- Dev tools & Libraries (Vite, Rollup.js, Webpack, PostCSS, jQuery, Bootstrap 5, Babel, Node, Jest)
- Version control (GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket)
- Content Management (WordPress, Netlify & Decap CMS, Umbraco, Contentful)
- Design tools & UI component library builders (Photoshop, Figma, Zeplin, Fractal, Storybook)
- Responsive Web Design / Themeable Design System Configuration
- CSS Architecture / Component-based Frontend Architecture
- Web Standards / Web Accessibility / Progressive Enhancement / Progressive Web Apps
- Cross Browser Compatibility / Performance optimisation / Search Engine Optimisation

## **Experience Summary**

**2015 – 2023** ~ (Frontend Web Developer roles: Contract & Freelance)

**UX Brighton:** (Feb 2022 – Present)

- Enhancing and optimising UX Brighton's user interface, overall website experience, developer experience, content management workflow, search / filtering, and SEO.
- Rebuilt the UX Brighton job board so it renders as a MPA rather than a SPA.
- Built logic to dynamically inject valid 'JobPosting' and 'Event' structured schema data into every job & event page at build time.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Jekyll, Liquid, GitHub, GitHub Pages, Node.js, Retool, Swagger, Netlify, Netlify CMS, Figma, Photoshop.

## Brunswick Group: (Repeats: Jan-Feb 2023, Apr-Jun 2022)

 Developed & enhanced MPA and SPA corporate communication websites for some of their clients such as: Naspers / Prosus, Ariel Investments and Varo. <u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Vue.JS, VueX, Vue Router, GSAP, Bootstrap 5, Bitbucket, WordPress (Headless CMS), Photoshop, Figma, JIRA, Confluence.

## Currys plc: (Jul 2022 - Dec 2022)

- Successful migration of the Carphone Warehouse website to a more advanced (in-house) content management platform.
- Improved and optimised the user interface and usability of Mobiles.co.uk and e2save.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, Twig, Docker, GitLab, Photoshop, JIRA, Confluence.

## **Boston T Party:** (Feb 2022 – Apr 2022)

- Developed a high speed PWA website tailored for Boston T Party, emphasising performance and resilience through progressive enhancement and offline caching techniques.
- This was particularly crucial considering the limited data and bandwidth availability in South Africa.

Tech: HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, Service Worker, PWA manifest, Eleventy, Nunjucks, Jest, Rollup.js, Node.js, GitHub, Netlify, Photoshop.

## IAG Loyalty: (Oct 2018 – Oct 2021)

- Developed high performance PWA B2B websites for IAG Loyalty (Monorepo).
- Placed significant emphasis on enhancing usability, accessibility, performance & resilience.
- Played a key role in exploring, strategising, and implementing a scalable SaaS micro-frontend setup that prioritised reusable, themeable, and customisable components.
- Created a custom JSON-based themeable design system (tokens) configuration to help scale design and UI across multiple web offerings.

Tech: HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, React, Next.js, TypeScript, Styled Components, Service Worker, PWA manifest, Eleventy, Nunjucks, Jamstack, Jest, Contentful, GraphQL, Storybook, Gulp, Rollup.js, Node.js, Monorepo, Bitbucket, Netlify, Netlify CMS, Figma, Zeplin, JIRA, Confluence.

#### **Euromoney:** (May 2018 – Oct 2018)

- Created a customisable and scalable frontend starter kit, allowing for rapid development of modular web components and pattern libraries. (.NET MVC application).
- Streamlined the process for Euromoney to efficiently build and deploy their B2B websites.
- Actively engaged in internal Hackathon days, contributing, and delivering presentations.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Handlebars, Grunt, Photoshop, Zeplin, Fractal, Bitbucket, .NET Razor Views, JIRA, Confluence.

## Brunswick Group & MerchantCantos: (Repeats: Jan-Mar 2018, Mar-Oct 2017)

 Developed & enhanced MPA corporate communication websites for some of their clients such as: Puma, Mondi and Greenbrier. <u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Foundation, Bitbucket, WordPress, .NET Razor Views, Umbraco CMS, Photoshop, JIRA, Confluence.

## Analog Implant Laboratory: (Dec 2016 – Feb 2017)

- Redesigned & built Analog Implant Laboratory's new B2B informational website from scratch.
- It's progressively enhanced and makes substantial use of WCAG.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, Grunt, Photoshop, Bitbucket.

#### **Time Inc. UK:** (Jul 2016 – Nov 2016)

- Together with the incumbent team, created a dynamic web solution on their WordPress Multisite application that is adaptable, customisable, and supports various themes.
- This facilitated rapid website creation, development, and deployment for renowned brands like Marie Claire, Home & Gardens, Country Life, and Decanter.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, LESS, JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, WordPress, GitHub, JIRA, Confluence.

## **Charanga Music:** (Apr 2016 – May 2016)

- Developed a reusable, extensible, responsive, and accessible front-end library / boilerplate.
- This enabled Charanga to build & deploy future web offerings quickly, efficiently without compromising on quality front end standards.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Grunt, Bitbucket.

## Pegasus Public Relations: (Repeats: Feb-Apr 2016, May-Jun 2016)

- Developed & enhanced brochure websites for Pegasus' healthcare clients.
- Examples: www.pegasuspulse.com, www.cetraben.co.uk, www.talkingeczematool.co.uk, www.rapidwhite.co.uk, www.movelat.co.uk

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, LESS, PHP, JavaScript, jQuery, WordPress, Drupal, Grunt, Gulp, Bitbucket, JIRA.

#### Macmillan Cancer Support: (Sep 2015 – Dec 2015)

- Worked with Macmillan's core website application team on frontend solutions for their brand identity and business proposition.
- Actively engaged in internal Hackathon days, contributing, and presenting innovative ideas.

<u>Tech:</u> HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Grunt, Photoshop, Bitbucket, .NET Razor Views, JIRA, Confluence.

## Airmiles & Avios: (Senior / Lead Front End Designer, Developer & Manager roles: Dec 2004 - Sep 2015)

- Designed & developed ecommerce frontend solutions for Airmiles & Avios.
- Provided guidance and training to front-end developers and back-end (Java-based 'Spring' application & bespoke Oracle-based CMS) - implementation teams in maintaining our coding best practices.
- Spearheaded the integration of web standards and web accessibility practices throughout our digital channels, ensuring the delivery of high quality and stable websites.
- Accountable for the creation, optimisation, and evolution of all digital channel content to deliver a personalised digital customer experience and drive increased customer engagement and interaction.
- Worked extensively on Agile projects in small, medium and large multi-functional development teams in collaboration with business stakeholders, business analysts, project managers, UX, designers, developers (frontend & back-end) and testers.

Tech: HTML5, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, jQuery, Grunt, Photoshop, SVN, Java (Struts & Spring), JIRA.