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Employment History

Junior Software Developer / Business Analyst, Payment Card Solutions (UK) Limited

March 2014 - July 2015

- Worked in a small team, developing and maintaining a complex Ruby on Rails application, used for managing several prepaid money card products.
- Responsible for back-end using Rails, and front-end using HTML (and ERB), CSS (and SASS), JavaScript, and Bootstrap.
- Practised test-driven development, and used Git for version control.
- Responsible for re-branding a website using Bootstrap, making it fully mobile responsive; I was responsible for all of the design and front-end programming.
- Produced marketing materials including a brochure, business cards, and a shell scheme using Adobe Creative Suite.

Warehouse / Assembly Worker, Novatech Limited

December 2013 - February 2014

- Performed visual inspections and electronic tests on computers at the end of the production line.
- Packed computers and moved them into the warehouse.
- Assisted computer assembly and order picking.

Barista, Starbucks Coffee Company

August 2011 - January 2012

- Worked in a busy central London coffee shop.
- Produced coffees and other beverages, stocked food items according to food hygiene procedures, and cleaned the café during and at the end of each shift.

Customer Service Assistant, The Southern Co-Operative

October 2009 - January 2011

- Served customers on till, restocked and rotated stock on shelves.
- Occasionally had to deal with difficult situations when denying the sale of age-restricted products.
- Took a proactive approach to learn new tasks and skills, including receiving deliveries and recording end-of-day wastage.

Education

King's College London, 2011 - 2013

BA Philosophy (2:1)

- Gained a wide range of skills, such as critical analysis, thorough textual research, and writing clear, concise prose.
- Studied a wide variety of modules, including First-Order Logic (78%), Theories of Justice (68%), and Locke: Appearance and Reality (80%)

The University of Nottingham, 2010 - 2011

- Transferred philosophy degree credits to King's.
- Completed four modules in computer science: Object-Oriented Programming (98%), Web Programming and Scripting (88%), Programming (81%), and Computer Systems Architecture (78%).

The Portsmouth Grammar School, 1995 - 2009

- **A Levels:** AAA (English Literature, History, Religious Studies)
- **AS Levels:** B (Music)
- **GCSEs:** Ten subjects: six A* grades (inc. Maths, English, Physics, Chem.) and four A grades
- **Additional achievements:** Free Standing Maths Qualification in Additional Maths (grade B), Gold Certificate in UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Skills

I am proficient with Microsoft Office, Windows, Linux, OS X, and Adobe CS.
I am comfortable using the Linux command line.

Interests

I enjoy cycling. In the past few years I have twice participated in a 400 mile charity cycle ride through France. I have also designed cycle jerseys for this ride for a few years, and will be doing this again this year.

I am a big fan of playing music. In the last few years I have played in a number of bands with friends and family. I most often play drums or guitar, but I have also achieved grades on the trumpet and piano.