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Employment History

Junior Software Developer / Business Analyst, Payment Card Solutions (UK) Ltd. *March 2014 - July 2015*

- Worked as a full-stack web developer on a suite of websites.
- Developed a strong working knowledge of back-end programming (Ruby on Rails) and front-end programming (HTML, CSS, SASS, JavaScript), and basic server admin tasks (Linux CLI, bash, cron, etc.).
- Learned solid development practices, such as test-driven development (using the MiniTest framework), source control (using Git).
- Designed and implemented new mobile-responsive front-end interfaces, using the Bootstrap front-end framework.
- Produced marketing materials using Photoshop / Illustrator / InDesign.

Warehouse / Assembly Worker, Novatech Ltd. *December 2013 - February 2014*

- Performed electronic tests on computers at the end of the production line.
- Assisted with computer assembly, packing items for shipping, picking items from the warehouse, and warehouse cleaning / tidying.

Barista, Starbucks Coffee Company *August 2011 - January 2012*

- Worked in a busy central London Starbucks café, greeting customers, taking orders, making coffees, and doing cleaning / restocking duties.
- Took a proactive approach in up-selling food and beverages, and the benefits of a Starbucks card.

Customer Service Assistant, The Southern Co-Operative *October 2009 - January 2011*

- Provided excellent customer service, serving customers on till, restocking shelves, and handling difficult situations e.g. when denying the sale of alcohol.
- Took a proactive approach to learn more senior tasks and skills, including receiving deliveries and recording end-of-day wastage.

Education

King's College London, 2011 - 2013

BA Philosophy (2:1)

- Studied a range of philosophical topics including Locke (80%), Spinoza and Leibniz (71%), and Theories of Justice (68%)
- Also studied technical modules including First-Order Logic (78%) and Formal Semantics (75%)
- Completed first year (2010 - 2011) at the University of Nottingham where I took four outside modules in Computer Science, including Object-Oriented Programming (98%) and Web Programming (88%)

The Portsmouth Grammar School, 1995 - 2009

- **A Levels:** AAA (English Literature, History, Religious Studies)
- **AS Levels:** B (Music)
- **GCSEs:** 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 fully proficient with Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, and Microsoft Office. I have a strong working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign.

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.

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 have also achieved grades on the trumpet and piano.