Ben Vaughan-Jones

A former Operations Manager in retail turned software developer with the help of Makers Academy. Finally fulfilling a lifelong ambition to be a software engineer. Currently looking to get stuck in to my tech career in London, where I can add to my current knowledge in full stack development.

I would contribute to a team, passion for code mixed with good software craftmanship principles that I developed during my time at Makers Academy. In addition to the hard skills I developed at Makers Academy, I also bring enthusiasm, I'm a good team player who doesn't mind getting stuck in when required and a personality that naturally makes people feel comfortable.

Full stack junior developer, recently completed 16 weeks Makers Academy bootcamp.

Projects

Pixos

To play Pixos, click here

> **Description** - Our final project centered around creating a turn based strategy card game with new technologies. These technologies included a full MERN stack, Redux and Socket.io.
> **Technologies used** - Mongodb, Express, React.js, Node.js, Redux, Socket.io, Webpack, Enzyme, Bootstrap and Material-UI.
> **GitHub repository** - https://github.com/bvjones/pixos

Steami

To try Steami, click here

> **Description** - We created a single page web app that utilises Steam API calls and returns Steam account information. We used the full MERN stack to achieve this.
> **Technologies used** - Node.js, React.js, Express, Enzyme, Mongodb and Bootstrap.
> **GitHub repository** - https://github.com/bvjones/Steami

Makersbnb

To try Makersbnb, click here

> **Description** - An AirBnB clone driven by a TDD approach using various technologies.
> **Technologies Used** - Ruby, Javascript, Heroku, Sinatra, HTML, Sass, RSpec, Bootstrap.
> **GitHub repository** - https://github.com/bvjones/Makersbnb

Skills

- **Logical thinker** - Being a former Operations manager, I was used to using logic on a daily basis to solve problems.
- **Inquisitive** - Asks a lot of questions to gain an understanding of things I don't know or fully understand.
- **Organised** - Used to being very structured and working methodically through challenges and problems.
- **Communication** - Very good communication skills due to working in large teams.
- **Enthusiastic** - Always willing to get stuck in to a new challenge, regardless of how big or daunting.

Bilingual

First language Welsh speaker, fluent in both Welsh and English.

Experience

Operations Store Manager
The White Company (November 2014 - December 2016)
Dealing with all operational aspects of running a large flagship store. I was a part of the store opening management team in charge of ensuring a smooth opening and setting up new store processes.

Achievements

Makers Academy (January 2017 - March 2017)

- Learning full stack web development
- Pair programming
- Test driven development
- Agile methodologies and XP values

Foundation Degree in Applied Computing
Glyndwr University (2010 - 2012)

- Object Oriented Programming using Java and C#
- Object Oriented Design
- Project Management
- Database Design

Udemy - Learn Angular2

4 A Levels and 12 GCSE Ysgol Y Creuddyn

Hobbies

- Badminton (team captain and committee member)

- Books
- Video games
- Skiing

Contact

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