Vladislav Altanov

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Education:

2011-2012	MA Web Design and Content Planning, University of Greenwich

Skills developed: Creative thinking; time management; productive collaboration, conform to web standards and good practices, user experience and usability.

2007-2011	BEng in Computer Science with Honours, University of Edinburgh

Skills developed: Logical and analytical thinking, practicality, teamwork and communication. Gained deep understanding of programming languages, operating systems, databases, networking, software-testing and computer graphics.

2002-2007	Diploma of Secondary Education - High School of Natural Science and Mathematics in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

Subjects: Mathematics, Informatics, Information technology, Physics, Literature, History, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, etc.

Language skills:

English – Fluent (IELTS 6.5 in 2007)
Bulgarian – Native

Relevant skills and experiences:

BlinkBG (freelance project) - This is my first freelance project as a web designer. It involved creating a promotional website for a small business for electrical services. The main purpose was to effectively showcase the services and products that the business provides. The main goal was not to make sales through the website, but increase the number of clients who directly contact the business.

Computing Support Assistant (for the University of Edinburgh) – Duties included servicing all university residents in a need of IT support. Distributing and retrieving computing equipment to students and staff; Dealing with all sorts of user requests - hardware issues, software problems or network connection complaints; Maintaining the good state of the hardware equipment in meeting rooms and conference halls; Handling the safe storage of backup memory tapes of all university user accounts.

<u>Assistant network administrator</u> (UltraNet in Bulgaria) - Duties included initialising network connection for new clients as well as maintenance. Managing software and hardware issues and dealing with problems concerning clients` network connectivity (configuring WiFi routers, TCP/IP settings). 24/7 support for users (phone and e-mail support – home calls).

<u>Crew member at McDonald's Restaurants LTD in Edinburgh</u> – Duties in the kitchen included cooking and preparing food for the customers – team work and coordination. Work on the front counter included customer service and sales – constant communication and interaction with costumers.

<u>Group leader in the System Design Project course in the University of Edinburgh</u> - My job was to organise a team of eleven students as well as participate in the creation and programming of a Lego robot football player. It was a very responsible position which gave me extremely valuable experience in teamwork and leadership. I can now fully understand the value of communication, collaboration and trustworthiness.

Computer skills and competences:

- I have experience with the following technologies:
    - <u>MA Web Design and Content Planning</u>: XHTML, HTML (5), CSS (3), jQuery, PHP, CMS (WordPress), SEO.
    - <u>BEng Computer Science</u>: Unix (Linux OS), XML, SQL (DB2, MySQL), Java, C++, C, Haskell, MatLab, Python, STRIPS, Assembly Language SPIM.
    - <u>Secondary education</u>: Pascal and Visual Basic.
    - <u>Individual experience</u>: SCSS(SASS).
- Confident user of Adobe Photoshop.
- Able to set up complex network configurations to support the use of internet.
- Installation of hardware components and peripheral devices for personal computers and laptops.
- Installation of Operating Systems such as Windows (any version) and Linux (any distribution)

Memberships and interests:

- Web Design and Front-end-development
- Technology, Science
- Tennis
- University of Edinburgh, Informatics Football Club
- Stand-up comedy
- Cacti

Referees:

Available on request