

# Chris Liddell

## *front-end developer, interface designer*

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Aspirational developer currently working for an established agency in Leeds, UK. Comfortable in many web languages, environments and technologies as well as being a confident designer, prototyper, speaker and writer.

### TECHNICAL

**HTML5, CSS3, Sass, functional Javascript, jQuery, PHP.** Knowledge of JS frameworks (**Angular, Backbone**) and lots of experience with build frameworks (**Gulp, Grunt**, etc.).

Advanced user with **all major CC applications** (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator) and novice with After Effects, Reflow - happy to work with any of these, though currently using Sketch.

Prototyping software such as Balsamiq, Axure, InVision, Macaw and trusty 'pen and paper'.

Organised, run and led testing sessions in a variety of environments (guerrilla, remote, observational) for a multitude of clients.

Familiar with Final Cut Pro X (and other video-editing suites).

### EXPERIENCE

#### CURVE AGENCY

Front-end developer & interface designer  
Sept. '14 to present

Front-end development  
UI design  
Prototyping  
Testing

I joined Curve as a junior front-end developer and digital designer, but my role quickly grew in scope and scale due to business needs. On top of all front-end dev work and interface design I'm now responsible for maintaining the front-end development stack (which I chose and implemented), blogging (writing, editing, scheduling), conducting and organising usability tests, and liaising directly with clients.

My time here has introduced me to key agency processes - version control, maintainable code ('future-proofing'), coding frameworks, working agile & maintaining dialogue with product-owners - as well as allowing me to become more proficient and responsible in my code.

#### THE ARTLAB

Digital Designer  
Aug '14

Logo design  
Branding  
UI design  
Copywriting

I interned as a Digital Designer at The Artlab in Media City, Salford. Whilst working there I influenced the creative direction and design of their new website as well as working on projects for clients. This included attending kick-off meetings and speaking with clients over email/telephone to exchange ideas.

## FREELANCE

Full-stack web developer & interface designer

~2013/14

Full-stack development

Design

Content development

I spent summers during university working freelance on a number of projects. I developed websites for small businesses, helping them write content and set-up a site (hosting, server set-up) as well as developing and designing for them. These experiences helped me to understand the strength of communication throughout projects, and in particular how to communicate technical subject matter to a non-technical client - a skill I continue to use each day.

## EDUCATION

### MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

First-class degree (with honours), BSc. in Web Development

June 2014

Creating & Maintaining Dynamic Databases

User Experience Design

Programming & Web Languages (PHP, Javascript, CSS, MySQL etc.)

Web Portfolio  
(developing for a live client)

On the course we were taught many aspects of web design & development - not only core languages, but efficient and accessible ways to use them. Being encouraged to work on projects as groups helped facilitate knowledge-sharing as well as improving my ability to explain my ideas and reasoning.

### BOSTON SPA SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

AS/A2 Levels

2010/11

AS

ICT A

Media Studies A

Psychology C

Economics C

A2

ICT A

Media Studies A

Psychology A

## PERSONAL

I like riding my bike, playing sport - mostly football & tennis - and, occassionally, running. I'm also a bit of a music nerd and spend a lot of my time either listening to records or haggling with sellers on Discogs.

I also actually like technology. I have a Raspberry Pi which I enjoy programming with/on. I'm currently trying to set up a home media server; my evenings & weekends are being split between that, trying to build more Javascript skills and shouting at learning Node.js.

## MORE PERSONAL



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