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Chris Smart

FRONT-END DEVELOPER | CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIST | CHEF

Front-End Developer actively transitioning from a successful career in professional kitchens. Currently working as a chef while building responsive, accessible websites using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Known for blending creative thinking with methodical execution—skills honed through years of leading high-pressure culinary teams. Seeking opportunities to apply practical problem-solving, visual clarity, and a strong work ethic to real-world development challenges.

SKILLS

Languages & Markup

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript(ES6+)

Frameworks & Libraries

React, Astro, Bootstrap, Tailwind CSS

Tools & Workflow

Git & GitHub, Version Control (Git), Chrome DevTools, NPM, VSCode

Development Practices

Responsive Web Design, Semantic HTML, Component-Based Architecture, Accessibility Awareness, Mobile-First Design

EXPERIENCE

Salts Diner, Saltaire, UK - Sous Chef

APRIL 2017 - PRESENT

- Led a team of 10 chefs in the central hub of Salts Mill Estate
- Introduced seasonal dishes with strong customer feedback
- Streamlined workflows for improved kitchen efficiency
- Collaborated on innovative menu development

PJ O'Brien's, Melbourne, Australia - Chef

MARCH 2016 - AUGUST 2016

- Built strong team rapport, leading to sponsorship offer
- Adapted quickly to new culinary environments and standards

The Fox Pub & Restaurant, Menston, UK - Sous Chef 2008 – 2015

- Mentored junior staff, fostering a cohesive team
- Managed food and labour costs within budget
- Implemented quality control measures
- Stepped up as acting Head Chef when required

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Currently balancing full-time chef work with ongoing front-end development projects and learning
- Strong instincts for layout, clarity, and user experience drawn from years of visual presentation in the kitchen
- Comfortable working under pressure, iterating quickly, and refining details — whether in code or cuisine
- Passionate about building maintainable, expressive interfaces with clean architecture and semantic structure

EDUCATION

Skills for Life, edX - Certificate in Front-End Web Development - *Online Bootcamp*

NVQ Level 3 - Supervision, Leadership & Management - UK Qualification

10 GCSEs (Grades A–C) including English, Maths and Science Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley, Leeds – 2004