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Frontend Developer

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I have 5 years experience of building websites. I cut my teeth in a mid-sized digital agency where I worked as part of a team of developers undertaking a variety of projects. Currently I work within the centralised marketing team of a large coporate company where I build the marketing sites for a growing portfolio of brands in the learning technology space. I enjoy new challenges and value the opportunity to learn new skills. In my current role I initiated and led a complete overhaul of the web stack, moving from a traditional LAMP stack to a modern JAM stack. This has required me to learn new skills, tools and frameworks on the job and has resulted in sites that are not only faster but more secure.

Skills

Frontend Skills: As an experienced developer I have an good grasp of Javascript (ES6), jQuery, Coffeescript, CSS & SCSS, and HTML as well as a working knowledge of PHP & Twig. Over the last 6 months I have been focused on developing sites in Gatsby, a static site generator using React and GraphQL, and have worked with Redux for managing state.

Frontend Tools: I currently use Webpack though I have previously also used Gulp and Grunt. I have used both Yarn and NPM. Other tools used for managing my development environment include Xcode, Nodejs, and Homebrew. I also use Chrome/Firefox/Safari dev tools along with Parallels for general testing and debugging.

Version Control: I use Git both professionally and personally and am familiar with using the GUI and CLI for Gitlab, Github & Bitbucket.

CMS: Most recently I have been loving Sanity.io for managing structured content. I have experience of building themes from scratch as well as customising existing themes in Wordpress. In my last role our standard CMS for brochure type sites was Craft CMS which I really enjoyed working with. In this role I also worked with Expression Engine.

Experience

LTG   Oct 18 - Present
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As the sole developer on the team I am responsible for maintaining the marketing sites of all brands within the LTG portfolio as well as building new sites as required. The majority of our sites are currently Wordpress sites, however, towards the end of 2019 I undertook the task of researching and subsequently introducing a new stack. With no previous experience in my chosen tools I launched our first site in the new stack within 3 months. This required me to learn a huge amount in a short period of time as well as setting up a robust system that can be replicated. Since then I have launched 2 subsequent sites.

Built By Buffalo   July 15 - Oct 18
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Agency work not only allowed me to work on a wide variety of projects with different clients from an equally wide variety of industries but also gave me the opportunity to work within a team of developers of different disciplines. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with a number of different tools, including Wordpress, Expression Engine, and Craft CMS, as well as undertaking frontend work within Ruby projects. Working for an agency well regarded in the industry with a number of talented colleagues really pushed me to develop my skills.

Qualifications

University of Sussex, *MA Literature & Philosophy*

University of Newcastle, *BA(Hons) Philosophical Studies*