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Chris Charles
Javascript Engineer
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- ✓ Educated to Masters Degree Level
- ✓ Energising in meetings
- ✓ 12 years Agile
- ✓ 22 years Vanilla Javascript
- ✓ 1 - 2 years Node, Node APIs
- ✓ 1 - 2 years React ^v18, Hooks, Custom Hooks
- ✓ 1 year Typescript

"… I can offer much Javascript experience, and always aim to lift spirits in any team. My career aim is to increase my only mid-level experience in React, Node & Typescript. I had 8 years at Aviva until redundancy in 2021, and have used my redundancy payout this year to upskill in React, Node & Typescript through the 3 personal projects listed below. I'm now raring to go on a contract that needs some of those skills. Feel free to see my recent code at github.com/creatively …"

creatively.co.uk   January 2022 – October 2022 – Javascript Engineer

3 self-driven projects to upskill in React, Node & Typescript :

- ✓ **climate-10.com** – climate change graphing tool – JS, React, Hooks, Typescript, Node, 2 APIs
- ✓ **translatingchat.com** – a multi-user, multi-language chat app – JS, Node, 1 API
- ✓ **wordsfeel.com** – converts transcripts into a visualised sphere – JS, React Hooks, Typescript

Marks & Spencer   September 2021 – December 2021 (Contracting)

Senior Engineer

- ✓ Working in a diverse Agile team of designers, developers and data scientists
- ✓ Testing improvement ideas on the Marks & Spencer website main product page
- ✓ Javascript, HTML, CSS
- ✓ Developing & fixing new components for A/B testing
- ✓ Javascript unit tests with Jest, Mocha, Chai

Aviva   July 2013 – August 2021

Software Engineer

- ✓ Javascript development in Agile teams
- ✓ ES6 / Vanilla Javascript, CSS, HTML, Node module upgrading

- ✔ Developed **single-page applications**, tools, calculators involving **Javascript & React**
- ✔ Part of a major system **migration project**
- ✔ **Component** development
- ✔ Delivered through **Scrum** and/or **Kanban**
- ✔ Confident **facilitatory skills**, and comfortable deputising in a Scrum Master's absence
- ✔ **Javascript** unit tests using Jasmine & Webdriver API
- ✔ Used microservices and external **APIs**
- ✔ De-jQueried the Aviva codebase
- ✔ Helped BA team to improve their understanding of Front End Technologies

SiteTagger Brighttag Jan 2012 – July 2013

Technical Manager

- ✔ Leading a team of 7 Javascript developers
- ✔ Working directly to service large corporate clients including ASDA, M&S, L&G
- ✔ Using Vanilla **Javascript** to implement custom analytics
- ✔ Introduced basic **Agile** methods to the team such as daily standups
- ✔ Production of detailed vanilla **Javascript** in an environment without 3rd party libraries
- ✔ Visited many external client sites to **build relationships**

Contracting - Javascript & UI Roles   2007 – 2012

- ✔ EMC Conchango – **JS/HTML/CSS** for both the BG Group & Linklaters. First **Agile** experience
- ✔ **Smartstream** - Single page finance application with **Javascript** AJAX currency lookup
- ✔ **NetDev** - **Javascript**-orientated application for use in telecoms routing
- ✔ **Nagra** - Building & bug-fixing a **Javascript** UI for an iPlayer-type tv box application

Admiral Insurance   2000 – 2006

Web Developer

- ✔ On the confused.com startup launch team
- ✔ Helped **prototype** and demo the initial revolutionary technology behind **confused.com**
- ✔ Served on the close-knit startup team of 10 that took confused from a risky idea to major brand
- ✔ Designed & maintained the front-end of confused.com for 5 years in **JS/HTML/CSS**
- ✔ Maintained and built pages for other Admiral Group websites, such as Admiral.com & Elephant
- ✔ Responsibility for the Website front-end in the launch team of **insurance startup** elephant.co.uk

Educational History

- ✔ **MSc Occupational Psychology** Cardiff University
- ✔ **BSc Psychology** Aston University
- ✔ **3 A Levels** - grades **A B B**

Personal Details

"… I've been married since 2008 with a wonderful boy of 8. I love botany, plants, rugby and geography …"