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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 React ^v18, Hooks, Custom Hooks
- ✓ 1 - 2 years Node, Node APIs
- ✓ 1 year Typescript

"... I can offer much Javascript experience, and will lift spirits in any team. My career aim is to further broaden my javascript skills into neighbouring skillsets of React, Typescript or Node. I had 8 years at Aviva until redundancy in 2021, and have used my redundancy payout this year to upskill in these areas through the 3 personal projects listed below. I'm now raring to go on a contract that needs at least one of those extra skills as well as javascript. 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 further in Javascript, 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 ..."