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Personal Profile

An enthusiastic, ambitious and current student at City, University of London studying Computer Science. With a prospective career in technology, my objective is to leave my mark with something people will remember, to build a career with intentions to change the industry. Being a computer science student, I have developed problem solving as well as being able to multi-task with different ongoing projects. Having experience with developing, branding and building websites and infrastructures, and also having the love for technology, I present the necessary skills required to develop within this placement.

Education

September 2016 - June 2019	City, University of London	BSc Computer Science
Programming in Java	Pending	
Systems Architecture	Pending	
Mathematics for Computing	Pending	
Business Systems	Pending	
Software Engineering	Pending	
Computation and Reasoning	Pending	
September 2014 - June 2016	Portadown College	A-Level & Equivalent
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT	Distinction*	
Information Technology	B	
Moving Image Arts	B	
Technology & Design	C	
September 2012 - June 2014	Portadown College	GCSE
10 GCSE's	Grades A* to C including English, Maths & A* in ICT	

Technical Skills

From a young age I have always been interested in learning all about computers and how they work, and now as a first year undergraduate, I have developed technical knowledge in the following areas:

- Java Programming (Beginner Stage)
- MySQL (Beginner Stage)
- Microsoft Office Package - Word, Excel & PowerPoint (Advanced)
- Apple Mac OSX (Advanced)
- Microsoft OS (Intermediate)

I have the determination to succeed and develop new and necessary skills required for this role.

Transferrable Skills

Prioritisation & Time Management - Developed through my part time managerial job where I had to run a team of employees in a busy environment and ensured that all customer orders and repairs were carried out swiftly and to the customer's satisfaction.

Communication/Fast Paced - I have developed this skill in a number of roles: BNL Productions, Phone Hub and also within university whilst giving presentations. In my previous roles I have had to serve customers, deal with enquiries and handle complaints without any support, all in a fast paced environment. No matter what, I always pride myself in ensuring the customer always leaves the shop happy regardless of the situation.

Team Player & Using Initiative - I have continually grown in leadership within various roles, building relationships with employees and customers and being able to work as part of a well organised team. With working in a team I have improved my work load efficiency and constructive use of time. I also know how to use my own initiative when it comes to dealing with customers as a manager. Being able to solve a situation or problem without a higher member of staff can be a difficult task, however I have built this skill whilst in my manager position at Phone Hub.

Employment History

Delaware North

September 2016 - Present

Hospitality Bar Staff

I have been working with Delaware North in providing quality customer service and experiences within the role of hospitality bar staff. This role requires commitment and multitasking and I feel these skills have grown with my time here. Working closely with other team members to ensure everything is completed to a high level of standard. By working closely with the supervisor, I myself am trained on new elements each shift in order to progress my role.

Apple

December 2016 - Present

Specialist

I have recently been successful in the hiring process at Apple White City and am due to start my role as a specialist in the New Year. The role of specialist means I will be working in a fast paced environment and so I am able to create an exciting and passionate atmosphere whilst talking to customers. Being able to create a special bond between myself and the customer helps ensure you select the most appropriate product suitable for their needs that they can enjoy.

Urban Media

February 2016 - Present

Photographer/Videographer

As a dedicated and hard working individual, I decided to start up my own small business; Urban Media, producing wedding and promotional videos for clients. Developing a start-up has shown my commitment, hard work and creative skills that are required to run a business; although still in its early stages the venture is a somewhat success, still generating interest by clients.

Phone Hub

September 2014 - August 2016

Part Time Manager

My time in Phone Hub saw me in various roles. I was initially hired as a sales/repair assistant which not only developed my 'people skills' but also my technological ability to identify the source of problems and repair them. Along with this I was appointed the graphic designer role which allowed me to brand the business, create and maintain the website, and also design the leaflets and PR. Both of these roles required initiative and leadership skills when deciding and repairing any problems. My promotion to Summer Manager required me to run the daily workings of the shop, set weekly targets and also communicate effectively with staff and customers which advanced my leadership skills but also my ability to work in a team.

BNL Productions

March 2013 - August 2016

Freelance Camera Operator

Working for BNL Productions for over three years has developed and instilled in me invaluable skills. These have been gained through my various roles, such as a camera operator & video editor. Producing a unique project for a client requires commitment, creativity and high attention to detail; all of which were demonstrated throughout my position. In addition to this, freelance work gave me the opportunity to produce photography and videography for all different occasions, meaning I required high versatility. Adapting my skills to cater for an array of styles, customers and events meant my creative side flourished whilst my technical use of the equipment and software constantly improved. Not only this, but throughout my time here my communication and listening skills were greatly advanced due to dealing with clients, handling complaints and keeping in touch throughout the project.

Projects and Achievements

Secured funding for HackCity

(Jan 2017 - Feb 2017)

After becoming the communications officer for the City Tech Society, I had a responsibility to try and secure sponsorships from companies in order to make HackCity possible. HackCity was a hackathon organised by ourselves at the tech society for over 130 students from over the UK. I managed to secure sponsorships from Accenture for £4000, Find My Past for £1000 and other smaller API companies.

Third place & Overall audience's favourite idea at CitySpark Marketplace Final (December 2016)

Having entered the CitySpark business competition during my first year at City, University of London, we were shortlisted to the Christmas Marketplace Final. During the final we engaged with investors and judges who then voted for their favourite and the best business ideas. Our business idea won 3rd place, and also won the audience's favourite idea on the night.

Member of the Tech Society (Sep 2016 - Present)

As a member of the Tech Society at University, I attend hackathons, iOS classes and am currently developing an App using xCode for my business idea. I enjoy learning new languages and techniques used within the industry.

Creating and maintaining various websites

Using Wordpress I have created multiple business websites such as Phone Hub, Security Hub and Urban Media. This required knowledge of HTML and a creative mind. Link - <http://phonehubni.com>

Head of School Formal Committee (2014 - 2016)

As a specially chosen committee by the heads of school, I was appointed the head of the committee to organise a 315 pupil school formal. This required commitment, organisation, and budget planning (fundraising of £25,000). This was a major successful task and one that I was proud to be part of.

Prefect in Portadown College (2014 - 2016)

This role involved different duties within school both during the school day and also after school activities such as attending open days, parent teacher interviews, speech day & presenting in front of the school during assembly.

Deputy Head Boy in High School (2011 - 2012)

References

Available on request