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About Me

I specialise in front end development. I have extensive UX/UI design experience working both with clients and internal/external human factors/projects teams.
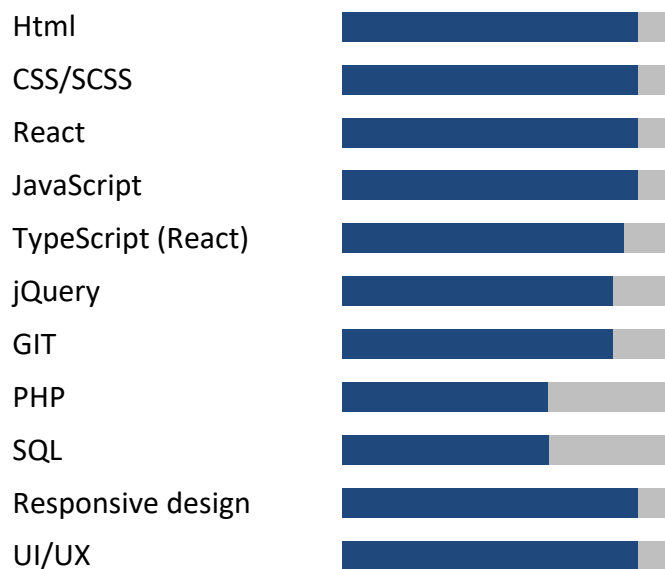
I am comfortable developing to a high standard as well as leading teams/projects in a lead/managerial role and communicating with all positions within a company, and dealing with external clients.
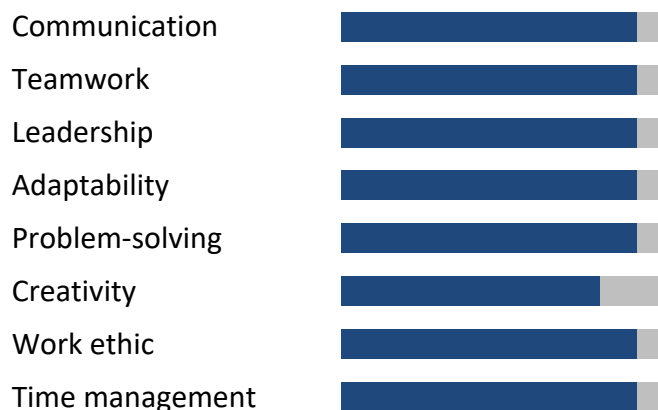
Key achievements so far:

- Successfully delivered web sites/web applications for corporate clients including Sainsbury's, Argos, Post Office & Transport for London.
- Worked closely with project teams on how to deliver accurate requirements to developers.
- Built and managed a front end team of eight developers.
- Transitioned companies from legacy code to modern software solutions.

I am available to work anywhere in the UK. I am looking for a contract developer/lead developer role.

Technical Skills

Skill	Level
Html	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
CSS/SCSS	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
React	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
JavaScript	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
TypeScript (React)	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░░
jQuery	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░░░
GIT	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░░░
PHP	▓▓▓▓▓░░░░░
SQL	▓▓▓▓▓░░░░░
Responsive design	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░░
UI/UX	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░░

Soft skills

Skill	Level
Communication	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
Teamwork	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
Leadership	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
Adaptability	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
Problem-solving	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
Creativity	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░░
Work ethic	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░
Time management	▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓▓░

Work Experience

Lead Front-end Developer *(contractor)*   *Adder*, Bar Hill, Cambridge – June 2022 to Present
HTML(5) / CSS(3) / JavaScript (+ES6) / React / Typescript / Jest / Agile (scrum) / UX & UI Design / Git / Jira

Adder is one of the leading manufacturers of KVM switches in the world. Their devices have a web application within them to allow configuration of the devices from either an external browser on a PC, or on the browser contained within the device. The web application was written in native JavaScript and I was tasked with the upkeep of the legacy system, and also, rewriting the application in modern JavaScript using React.

Achievements

- Gained a thorough knowledge of the complex architecture of the current web application.
- Created a functioning prototype of the application using React.
- Mentoring junior developers.
- Introduced front-end unit tests.
- Introduced Storybook.

Lead Front-end Developer *(contractor)*   *Cardif Pinnacle*, Borehamwood – Oct 2018 to June 2022
HTML(5) / CSS(3) / JavaScript (+ES6) / React / Jest / Agile (scrum) / UX & UI Design / Git / Jira / GitLab / Optimizely

Cardif Pinnacle provides both it's own insurance products as well as services for clients. I have been instrumental in the change in direction of the company both in technology and practice. Helping to move the company to a more agile approach, implementing Jira throughout. Our clients, including Sainsbury's, Argos and Post Office, as well as their own brand, Everypaw, needed complete refactors on their pet insurance web sites on which I was the lead front end developer. As lead developer I am a key decision maker on the UX and UI of all products and how to deliver the projects in an efficient manner while maintaining stable and performant code.

Achievements:

- Successfully delivered quote and buy and self service portals for Sainsbury's, Argos, Post Office and more.
- Created and managed a team of eight front-end developers.
- Worked with the project managers and business analysts to ensure accurate requirements delivered to developers.
- Introduced the React framework for development.
- Worked on the implementation of using the Optimizely AB testing framework.
- Created and enhanced documentation around requirements gathering, Jira lifecycles & form validation.

Lead Front-end Developer *(contractor)*

Veolia, Dublin, Paris – Oct 2017 to Oct 2018

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / JavaScript (+ES6) / jQuery / Dojo / Jasmine / Require JS / C3 / OpenLayers / Agile (scrum) / UX Design / UI Design / RTC /Jira

Working on a web application which manages water related assets throughout major cities in France. The application front end is written using JavaScript. I have spent time with the client stakeholders to understand the user needs and ensuring effective UI/UX design. The front end of the application is built using the Dojo javascript framework.

Achievements:

- Introduced the UI team to ES6 and best practices/code style guides.
- Implemented code reviews and unit testing.
- Working with the French team in Paris on ensuring the project was working towards completion.

Lead Front-end Developer *(contractor)*

Thales, Stockport – Feb 2016 to Oct 2017

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / SASS / JavaScript (+ES6) / jQuery / Bootstrap / Handlebars / Jasmine / Require JS / Agile (scrum) / UX Design / UI Design / Design / Git / Jira

Working on the 4LM project, a major modernisation of 4 of the largest tube rail lines for Transport for London (TFL). I am the lead front-end developer creating a web application for operators on the London Underground (LU), which controls all messages sent to tube stations and trains. Working closely with LU, the UX/UI was tailored to the needs of the operators. All the code is written with accompanying unit tests written using Jasmine and automated using Karma. The app relies on consuming JSON data from several restful web services APIs provided by the back end team.

Achievements:

- Successfully created a web application for TFL operators to control messaging on all tube lines sand stations.
- Implemented a MVC approach using jQuery and RequireJS.
- Ensured unit testing was at or above the contractual coverage obligation.

Front-end Developer *(contractor)*

BGL, Peterborough – May 2015 to Jan 2016

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / SASS / JavaScript / jQuery / Responsive Design (Mobile first) / Agile (Kanban) / PHP / UX Design / UI Design / Git / Wordpress

Part of the e-commerce team at Beaglestreet.com responsible for redeveloping the whole site. Advising on systems and best technologies to use to ensure the site is a great user experience and delivery exceeds current e-commerce expectations. Beaglestreet.com is built on a Wordpress system. I created a Single Page Application (SPA) for the insurance quote system which has improved ROI.

Achievements:

- Successfully created a page-per-question javascript SPA for Beaglestreet Life Insurance.

Front-end Developer *(contractor)* **Slimming World**, Derby – Jan 2015 to Mar 2015

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / SASS / JavaScript / jQuery / Responsive Design (Mobile first) / Agile (Kanban) / UX Design / UI Design

I was part of a front end development team responsible for all client facing aspects of the slimmingworld.com website. I was also responsible for redesigning the UI/UX for various parts of the site.

Front-end Developer *(contractor)* **Sanderson**, Burnley – Aug 2014 to Dec 2015

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / SASS / JavaScript / Responsive Design (Mobile first) / E-Commerce / UX Design / UI Design
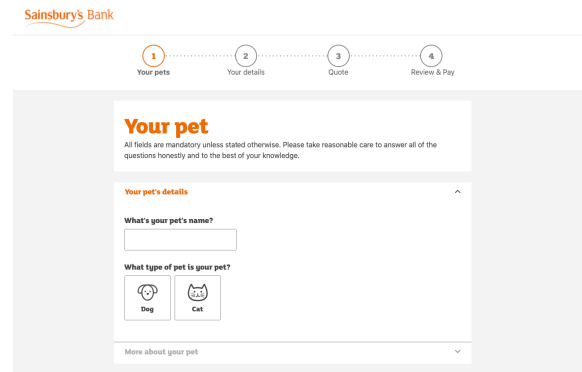
I was part of a front end development team responsible for high profile clients delivering e-commerce solutions. All projects required hand coding JavaScript without libraries as well as other front end technologies.

Key Projects

Sainsbury's pet insurance

Sainsbury's wanted a dynamic and performant site for their pet insurance business. We created a brand new site from scratch using native javascript with a template driven approach using Handlebars. This has now been rewritten in React to give it a component approach to allow easier A/B testing, tracking and general monitoring of performance. We also created a user self service portal to allow users to easily manage their policies.
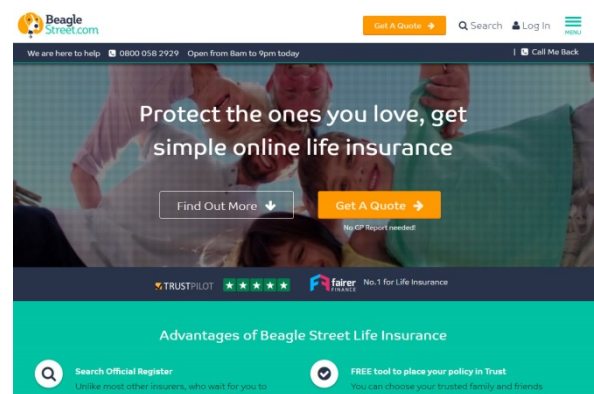

Beaglestreet.com

Beaglestreet.com is a life insurance company specialising in delivering an online solution simply, without the usual stigma attached to the subject. My role was as part of the team developing significant new features on the site as well as a complete redesign of the experience and design. Many UI/UX challenges as well as developing a new and efficient insurance quote system.

Slimming World

Slimming World is a UK-based weight loss organisation. I was part of the team responsible for all aspects of the front end development of the site and some of the UI/UX. This was a great challenge as the site is high traffic so code efficiency is paramount. Also, the UI/UX is incredibly important due to the large content.