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About Me

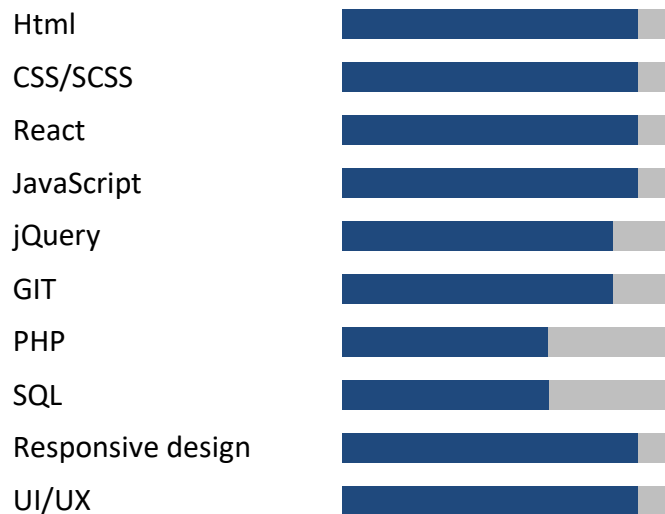
I specialise in front end development using Html(5), Css(3), SASS, JavaScript (+ES6) and React. I've been coding since approximately 1995. I have extensive UX/UI design experience working both with clients and internal/external human factors teams.

I can code JavaScript natively or using libraries. I am happy writing unit tests for all JavaScript and adhere to a TDD approach where possible.

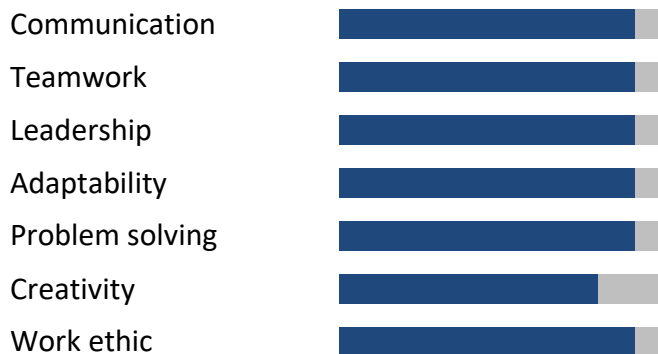
I am comfortable leading teams/projects in a lead/managerial role and communicating with all positions within a company as well as dealing with external clients.

I am available to work anywhere in the UK.

Technical Skills



Soft skills



Work Experience

Head of Digital Development

Cardif Pinnacle, Borehamwood – May 2021 to Present

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / JavaScript (+ES6) / React / Jest / Agile (scrum) / UX Design / UI Design / Git / Jira / GitLab

As head of the Digital Development team, my focus is on the team of eight front end developers as well as still being active in development and architecture of the applications we're building. Focusing on the needs of the business, deliveries from the Digital Development team are an integral part of the that. Time spent on team goals, mentoring, development, planning and innovation.

Lead Front End Developer (*contractor*)

Cardif Pinnacle, Borehamwood – Oct 2018 to May 2021

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / JavaScript (+ES6) / React / Jasmine / Agile (scrum) / UX Design / UI Design / Git / Jira / GitLab

As an insurance company, Cardif Pinnacle provides both it's own products as well as products 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 and implementing Jira throughout. Our clients, including Sainsbury's, Argos and Post Office, as well as their own product, Everypaw, needed complete updates to their pet insurance web sites on which I was the lead front end developer. I helped introduce more modern development processes including unit testing, ES6 javascript and libraries such as React. As lead developer I also am a key decision maker on the UX and UI of all products as well as involved in decision making on the product as a whole, and how to deliver the projects in an efficient manner while maintaining stable and performant code.

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. I have also been instrumental in setting up a code review system, a unit testing strategy, introducing the UI team to JavaScript ES6 and implementing coding styles and best practices. The front end of the application is built using the Dojo javascript framework.

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 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. The app is written in JavaScript (+ES6) using jQuery and served on demand using Require JS. The architecture is MVC. 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.

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 for the insurance quote system which has improved ROI.

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 certain 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 a high profile clients delivering e-commerce solutions. All projects required hand coding JavaScript without libraries as well as other front end technologies.

Front End Developer

Freelance, Remote – Jan 2002 to Feb 2014

HTML(5) / CSS(3) / SASS / JavaScript / jQuery / Bootstrap 3 / Responsive Design (Mobile first) / PHP / MySQL

I completed many freelance projects ranging from building corporate sites for clients, to personal sites with CMS systems.

Producer

AuctionWatch, San Bruno, CA – Oct 1999 to Dec 2001

HTML / CSS / JavaScript

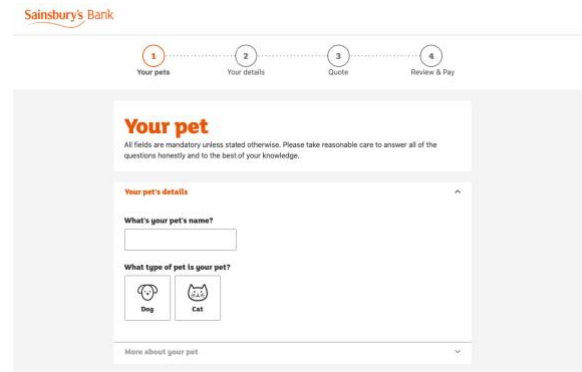
A producer in the US, at that time, is basically what is now known as front end developer. Responsible for many aspects of the site.

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 is currently in the process of being 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 portal to allow users to easily manage their policies.

petinsurance.sainsburybank.co.uk



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.

beaglestreet.com



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 large content.

slimmingworld.com

