

Dave Donnelly

Front-end developer

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SUMMARY

I'm a solutions-driven professional with 15+ years in higher education, and have recently retrained as a **front-end developer**. Looking to pair my strong **technical skills** with **empathy** and **community engagement** to solve some interesting problems and do some good in the world.

I'm experienced in business analysis and stakeholder management, having played a key role in a multi-million dollar SaaS implementation at UNSW. With that project now complete, I've left UNSW to dedicate my time to **searching for a new role** where my **love of coding** can be utilised to it's full potential.

I'm a strong communicator and problem-solver, always striving to **write human-readable, maintainable code** and eager to **leverage transferable skills** to build a long-term career as a front-end developer.

PROJECTS

Portfolio website - <https://davedonnelly.dev/>

GitHub: [davedonnellydev/portfolio](https://github.com/davedonnellydev/portfolio)

Tech stack: React, deployed via Netlify, incorporating GitHub REST APIs

- Repurposed an existing React portfolio template from GitHub
- Refactored HTML & CSS to ensure responsiveness and mobile compatibility
- Incorporated GitHub APIs to retrieve project information for various GitHub repos based on specific GitHub 'topic' tags
- Refactored 'Blog' section to allow for draft/published status & visibility only after 'published' date.

Concats: A Jira issue concatenator - <https://davedonnellydev.github.io/concats/>

GitHub: [davedonnellydev/concats](https://github.com/davedonnellydev/concats)

Tech stack: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

- Made for everyday use while managing a Jira project
- Have added functions to make it more 'general-purpose'
- Lightweight, easy to use

Spellcheckers - <https://davedonnellydev.github.io/project01/>

GitHub: [davedonnellydev/project01](https://github.com/davedonnellydev/project01)

Tech stack: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

- First project ever made with JavaScript
- Game mechanics developed independently

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SKILLS

HTML, CSS & JavaScript

Git & GitHub

React

SQL (Oracle SQL, PostgreSQL)

Jira (JQL) and Confluence

Excel & VBA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Business Consultant | Sept, 2021 – May, 2025

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- Co-authored a successful business case, securing multi-million dollar funding for the implementation of a Progression Checker & Study Planner enterprise solution.
- Collaborated with the project team to implement the solution, **managing vendor relationships**, engaging business stakeholders, and **delivering a new SaaS product** supporting ~80,000 students and 500+ staff.
- **Leveraged SQL** to generate reports analysing student and curriculum data, **identifying structural inconsistencies** and **areas for improvement**.
- **Led a team** of project analysts in the manual configuration of 5+ annual rulesets per degree for over 500 degrees, ensuring accuracy and alignment with UNSW's curriculum.
- Facilitated cross-functional **collaboration** between business stakeholders, project teams, and SaaS vendors to **align product capabilities with institutional needs**.

Technical Analyst/Developer | Feb, 2019 – Aug, 2021

City, University of London

- **Designed, developed, and deployed** a university-wide system for managing students requiring assessment repeats, improving administrative efficiency.
- Executed the **identification, development, implementation, and maintenance of student systems**, tools, and components to enhance university operations.
- Maintained **accurate audit trails** by documenting code creation, modifications, and retirements in **Jira**, ensuring transparency and compliance.
- **Optimised system performance and reliability** by identifying and resolving technical issues within student management systems.

CERTIFICATES & EDUCATION

Software Engineering Flex Immersive | 2022

General Assembly, Sydney

AgilePM Foundation | 2019

City, University of London

Actors College of Theatre & Television | 2004–2005

Diploma in Performance Practice (Acting)

REFERENCES

Upon request