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EDUCATION



Professional Software Development

Aug 2022 to Nov 2022

CodeClan is an intensive bootcamp aimed at teaching the fundamentals of software development. Over 16 weeks, I completed over 800 hours of hands-on coding in solo and team projects. Over this period I developed a strong understanding of the following skills and technologies:

- JavaScript
- React
- Java
- MongoDB
- Node.js
- CSS and HTML
- Git Version Control
- RESTful workflows
- Agile working
- Python
- Jinja
- SQL
- Flask
- TDD

PROFILE

As a highly motivated CodeClan graduate trained in Software Development, I am now seeking employment within the tech industry. With previous experience as a writer, actor and bookseller, I am also a creative thinker and strong collaborator with novel ideas and solutions. I enjoy the problem solving aspect of programming and creating engaging UI. Having braved a career change, I am determined to succeed and am looking forward to transitioning into a job in which I can use the skills I have learned and am eager to build on.

PROJECTS

Holy Shiitake!

Sept 2022

[Group Project | JavaScript - React - MongoDB - Express - Node.js](#)

A mindful eating app, responsive to mobile and desktop browser formats, which allows the user to keep track of their cooking habits and provides recipes from an API.

- Allows a user to search for recipes based on a key word, e.g. ingredient.
- Presents each recipe with ingredients, an external link and an 'add to entry' button.
- Full CRUD functionality with data saved and persisted in a MongoDB database.
- Displays the dates a user has entered a diary entry on.
- Counts the overall number of entries and shows the user a 'level' of cooking they've achieved.

LINK: github.com/davidvtaylor84/Holy_Shiitake_habit_tracker_project

Pardon the Interruption Vet Practice

Aug 2022

[Solo Project | Python - Flask - PostgreSQL](#)

A stylish web app designed to help a veterinary practice manage their pet clientele. This app, made in seven days, has one-to-many relationships between client, pet and vet.

- Allows a user to search for client list based on pet name OR owner surname.
- Pet data, including treatment notes, saved to SQL database.
- Full CRUD functionality for the pets in the database.
- Displays the pets owned by each owner

LINK: github.com/davidvtaylor84/vet_management_app

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2003 - 2006

Napier University, Edinburgh
BA (Hons) Journalism
Final Grade: 2:1

2001 - 2003

Edinburgh's Telford College
HND Communications

HOBBIES

- Writing fiction - short-stories, poetry, a novel. Have had several published, most recently in Gutter Magazine.
- Acting - Have acted in several amateur productions. Over the years, I have played an alien, a war criminal and a Cardinal.
- I am an avid reader of fiction, non-fiction, philosophy, history., especially the works of Philip K. Dick and Cormac McCarthy.

VOLUNTEERING

Prior to studying at CodeClan, I was a volunteer at Citadel Youth Centre in Edinburgh where I supervised play for 8-12 year-olds. I ran various activities such as cooking classes, quizzes, art classes, bouncy castles, boardgames, ball games etc.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Supervisor | Goods Handler and Administrator

Blackwell's Bookshop, Edinburgh

Nov 2015 to July 2022

Working in a bustling city centre bookshop catering to tourists and University of Edinburgh students, I was in charge of the sizeable Goods-In department. I co-ordinated my team of six to process incoming stock and worked on the shop floor. My responsibilities included:

- Processing and filing invoices, dealing with invoicing problems by phoning publishers and manually inputting invoices.
- Coordinating with my team and other staff members to ensure efficient and timely processing of incoming stock.
- Recommending books, ordering books and delivering a high standard of customer service.
- Set-up and operation of temporary bookshops and stalls.