SAM DESBOROUGH

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Profile
A focused, enthusiastic and adaptive developer with a wide range of technical and non-technical expertise.

Skills
- PHP: Magento, Drupal, Wordpress; Python: Flask, Django
- Test automation in Ruby: Cucumber, RSpec and Watir; Behat (PHP)
- Source control in git (command line and Stash) including management of developer workflow, training and issue resolution
- Load testing in NeoLoad and siege
- Deployment and CI in Bamboo
- Manual cross-browser/device testing
- Strong verbal and written communication
- OS X, Windows and Linux (Debian/CentOS)

Experience
PHP Developer - Kurt Geiger, April 2013 - present

Developed Magento modules including a custom CMS used by the marketing team to maintain promotional content, Amazon MWS integration to synchronise products between Magento and Amazon Marketplace, and an equivalent system for selling on eBay. My testing experience allowed me to incorporate acceptance testing using Behat into the back-end team's workflow. As well as larger projects, I also work on ad-hoc fixes for site issues.

QA Engineer - Kurt Geiger, Nov 2011 - April 2013

Responsible for the detection, reporting and tracking of issues across 3 Magento sites, in both customer-facing and operational areas. Benefits I have brought to the team include: Cucumber, for automated testing, the implementation of a git workflow now used by the whole Ecommerce team, and overseeing the launch of a new mobile site. Being a point of liaison with both product owners and developers has allowed me to gain a clear understanding of business requirements whilst ensuring the highest technical standards.

Support and QA Analyst - Digital Mail Ltd, Sep 2009 - Nov 2011

Customer support and a variety of technical duties, including a significant amount of manual testing of their web-based virtual telephony software. This included raising and writing reports on issues and working with developers on their resolution. I was also responsible for the development of a Drupal knowledgebase.

Fraud Analyst, Barclaycard - Northampton - Jun 2008 to Sep 2009

Created a number of VBA macros for use across the Fraud department to count complex data and automate some of the many calculations involved in account investigation.

eLearning Technician, Northampton Academy - Northampton - Nov 2006 to Feb 2007

Responsible for the creation and maintenance of the school's website powered by Drupal. Other roles included video editing, photography, poster design, transfer of physical documents to digital information, and administration of the school's MS Access-based reporting system.

Experience
Roade School Sports College - Northampton - 1996 to 2003

A-levels in Computing, English and Media Studies. GCSEs in Maths, English Language, English Literature, Science (double award), Computing with Business Studies, Geography, Media Studies, Drama, French, Electronics.

Interests
Music, cycling, cooking, video games.

References
Available on request.