Nathaniel Payne - Curriculum Vitae

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Summary

I'm an enthusiastic software developer, based in the South-West of the UK, looking for the next stage in my career!

It's been 1½ years since I begun my journey as a developer and I'm able to boast 15 months of commercial experience. I'm passionate about producing well-tested, clean, self-documenting code (including Pull Requests that can actually be used to understand my changes!).

Working at Laka has been the most technically challenging, and professionally satisfying, roles in my career; it is however a VC-backed business that isn't achieving it's growth goals and so I'm seeking a new role that can offer me the career progression for which I feel I'm ready.

Experience

Junior Software Developer

Laka (February 2022 - Present)

I currently work as a Junior Software Developer at Laka, focusing my time mostly on core functionality development of backend microservices, though it's a full stack role that has seen me contribute to both our customer facing web app, an array of internal tooling and I'm beginning to dabble in some infrastructure development.

Key Projects

- **'Sanctions-service**' a back-end project to extend an existing Go micro-service that checks an individuals sanctioned status in whichever region/territory they signed up for Laka's service.
- Automated billing This is my current project and is ongoing. The monthly billing run has typically been a heavily manual process at Laka; our objective is to build a service from scratch (using Node) so that it is a fully automated process.

Technologies: Javascript, Next.js, Redux w/ RxJS, Node, Go, GraphQL, Micro-services, gRPC, REST, Jest, Docker (started learning Sept '22).

Junior Front-End Engineer

Sqft.capital (July 2021 - January 2022)

This was my first role as a professional Software Developer. I was brought on board as the fourth member of the business and the sole front-end developer.

This role has seen me focus on building a dashboard UI for a data-driven platform. The current version is built with Vue 3 served using Inertia from a monolithic Laravel back end and it's where I spend almost all of my time.

I have also built three prototype versions of this application in preparation for an upcoming rebuild of the platform; one using React and Typescript, another using Next and the third was built in Nuxt 3.

Technologies: Nuxt, Vue 2 + 3, Javascript, Mapbox, VueX, VueRouter, Jest, TailwindCSS, SASS, PHP, Laravel

Trainee Software Developer

iO Academy (March 2021 - June 2021)

In March 2021 I left recruitment and began full-time training as a software developer with iO Academy in Bath, on their 'Full Stack Track' course.

During this 16-week course, I have been furthering my understanding of software development processes and deepening my technical, and professional, skills by working on production standard projects using a wide range of industry-standard tools.

As part of the course, I have also attained Certified Scrum Master status.

Technologies: PHP, Slim, Javascript, Typescript, React, Node, Express, HTML, CSS, SCSS

Recruitment Consultant progressing to Principal Recruitment Consultant

Experis/People Source Consulting (February 2018 – March 2021)

Specialising in the introduction of Software Developers (primarily full-stack .NET/Java/Javascript) into high-growth technology SMEs in the South West, I was largely responsible for generating my own business and delivering upon those requirements. I initially joined Experis in February 2018 before our team was TUPE'd over to People Source in September that year.

In this role, I took it upon myself to learn some of the technical skills that I was recruiting for (including Javascript, CSS, HTML, Git etc) in my spare time.

Prior

Opus Recruitment Solutions - Recruitment Consultant (April 2017 – January 2018)

Experience

JSM Associates - Recruitment Consultant (May 2016 – April 2017)

Vado - Retail Sales Office Coordinator (January 2016 – May 2016)

Onward Travel Solutions Ltd - Duty Manager (March 2014 – October 2015)

Onward Travel Solutions Ltd - Sales Administrator Team Captain (August 2012 – March 2014)

The Oak House Restaurant - Assistant Manager (1st January 2011 – 23rd June 2012)

The Oak House Restaurant - Bar Supervisor (2009 – 1st January 2011)

Education

Bridgwater College (2007 - 2009)

National Diploma BTEC in Media Production for TV/Film

Kings of Wessex Academy and Sixth Form College (2003 – 2007)

AS Level Psychology GCSE Mathematics GCSE English AS Level Physics GCSE Science GCSE I.T.

AS Level Photography GCSE Religious Studies

Interests

I am a huge music fan and regularly attend whatever gigs/events I am able to, as well as playing and practising the guitar. I read voraciously and generally have 2 or 3 books on the go at any time; currently I'm reading though the works of Haruki Murakami and the books that were adapted into The Expanse.

My other hobbies/interests include running and video and tabletop role-playing/board games.