

Francisco Benedict (Contract only)

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PERSONAL PROFILE

An experienced front-end web interface developer with a grasp of emerging web technologies and standards. Areas of expertise are HTML, CSS, Javascript, jQuery, AngularJS and making websites that are cross-browser compatible and particularly with mobile devices in mind so designing responsive interfaces.

Very proficient with the Bootstrap framework (version 2 and 3). Has a passion for emerging technologies with a keen interest in Javascript templating libraries, HTML5 and CSS3. Familiar with the SCRUM and Agile methodologies. Has the ability to hand-code HTML5, PHP, CSS3, SASS, LESS, Jade, native Javascript including jQuery, JSON, AngularJS, ReactJS, Webpack, Babel, Handlebars, Action Script 2. Proficient with Github and command line git commands, NodeJS and ExpressJS. Experience using JIRA, Confluence and Bamboo.

Possess a consistent approach to working. Ability to assimilate information quickly and willing to learn and improve on existing experience and skills to benefit relevant environment.

KEY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Dynamic and responsive web page; mobile-ready responsive websites design and development for mobile devices
- SCRUM and AGILE methodologies
- Ability to hand-code AngularJS, HTML5, PHP, CSS3, SASS, LESS, Jade, native Javascript including jQuery, JSON, Handlebars, Action Script 2, AS3
- Use of Compass for SASS projects and use of CSS Reset
- Familiar with NodeJS, ExpressJS, NPM (Node packet management)
- MongoDB
- Familiar with RESTful APIs. Comfortable with client-side REST API
- Understanding of ReactJS, Webpack, Babel
- Use of Debugging tools (Firebug/Inspect)
- Experience using Git, git bash, github (command line) and SourceTree
- Experience using SVN (TortoiseSVN) and Beanstalk
- Experience using JIRA, Confluence and Bamboo
- Experience with Underscore JS (particularly the templating element)
- Proficient in the use of Microsoft Visual Studio, Coda, SublimeText and Netbeans.
- Knowledge and understanding of JavaScript, AngularJS, JSON and Ajax and use of JQuery frameworks
- Advocates excellent user experience and best practices
- Building and maintaining usable, accessible, standards-compliant web sites
- Keen eye for detail
- Excellent oral and written communication skills appropriate to recipient with good client-facing persona skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to work well with people from varying backgrounds

TECHNICAL APPLICATION TOOLS

Hand coding: Coda (Mac), SublimeText2/3 (Mac/PC), Microsoft Visual Studio (PC)

Adobe CS6 (and earlier): Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Dreamweaver, InDesign

MS Applications: Office Suite (PowerPoint, Excel and Word, Outlook/Entourage).

Operating Systems Environment: Mac OSx, Windows 8/7/XP/Vista

GITHUB REPOSITORY (link to examples)

<https://github.com/franciscobenedict/reactjsvideout> (Example of React JS - React for ES6/Webpack/Babel)

<https://github.com/franciscobenedict/Basket-Case> (example of AngularJS/SASS/JSON/jQuery)

<https://github.com/franciscobenedict/github-api>

<http://franciscobenedict.com/myPortfolio/basketCase/>

<http://franciscobenedict.com/myPortfolio/github-api/>

PORTFOLIO

<https://find-a-buyer.export.great.gov.uk/>

<https://find-a-buyer.export.great.gov.uk/international>

<https://www.exportingisgreat.gov.uk/>

<https://www.makat.com/>

<https://www.ctstudy.org/ct-study>

<https://www.makat.com/campaign/ct-report-participant/> (Word Press)

<https://www.makat.com/campaign/ct-report-enterprise/> (Word Press)

<https://www.makat.com/ct-report/participant/>

<https://www.ctstudy.org/login>

<http://www.latam.discovery.com/>

<http://www.tudiscoverykids.com/>

<http://www.latam.discoverymujer.com/>

www.chillisaucel.co.uk

www.aserta24.com

www.invicta24.co.uk

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www.fira-la.com
www.uptions.com
<http://www.franciscobenedict.com/myPortfolio/kitokobyladybs/>

CAREER SUMMARY

Oct 2016 – Nov 2016

Department for International Trade

Title: Front End Developer (Contractor)

Project: Find a Buyer (Domestically known)
Find a UK Supplier (Internationally known)

Description: A government initiated project to create an online portal to help promote UK businesses in the global export market to allow exposure. The website is designed to allow international buyers to find UK sellers and to help UK businesses find buyers internationally. My involvement was specifically to develop the user interface paying close attention to GDS (Government Digital Services) and following industry standard recommended accessibility best practices.

Website URL: <https://find-a-buyer.export.great.gov.uk/>
<https://find-a-buyer.export.great.gov.uk/international>
<https://www.exportingisgreat.gov.uk/>

Technologies: HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, SASS, Django

Responsibilities and involvement:

- Worked in an AGILE environment
- Daily Scrum stand-up meetings
- Building template HTMLs and styling pages using SASS
- Worked to the GDS (Government Digital Services)
- Ensured best practices were followed with regards to Accessibility
- Worked very closely with designers and user experience (UX) team members
- Developed repetitive pages using high fidelity wire frames whilst following the design guidelines
- Engaged with members from other teams in other Digital department for the purposes of code reuse to prevent inconsistencies.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Sept 2016 – Sept 2016

PriceWaterhouseCoopers

Title: Javascript Developer (Remote contractor)

Project: Internal international VAT audit application

Technologies: HTML5, CSS3, AngularJS, SASS, jQuery, Javascript, JSON

Responsibility: Rebuild an existing application used to cross reference data related to sensitive cases and extend the application to query two other data sources to perform further searches to simplify cross-referencing whilst performing a search. Furthermore, the drilled down details view of the search results was improved.

June 2015 – Aug 2016

Macat International

Title: Senior Front End Web Developer (Contractor)

Site: <https://www.makat.com/>

Technologies: HTML5, CSS3, AngularJS, ReactJS, JSON, LESS, jQuery, Javascript, Handlebars, MySQL, Gulp, NodeJS, Visual Studio 2015, TFS, D3, ChartJS

Responsibilities:

- Worked in an Agile environment with typically two weekly sprints and conducted daily stand-ups in SCRUM giving account of the previous day's achievements and the current day's tasks for completion listing any impediments and escalating as necessary
- Built new features for the Macat platform
- Rebuilt existing features to improved specifications
- Built the web interface of the Critical Thinking tool for a collaboration study between Macat and the University of Cambridge using aspects of Qualtrics

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- Worked closely with back end developers to help deliver automatically generated PDF reports detailing results pulled from a database after users had taken the Critical Thinking Test. This was done with PhantomJS. Charts were created with ChartJs and D3.
- Built a series of Word Press pages purely for marketing purposes; used mainly for the promotion of aspects of the business as when required

May 2014 – May 2015

Accenture

Client: Discovery Network International (DNI)
Period: May 2014 – May 2015
Title: Web Developer specialist
Sites: Site development: Discovery LatAm site (Latin American channels)
Site development: Discovery LatAm kids site (Latin American channels for children)
Site development: Dplay Global site
Site development: Eurosport site
Service Management (Supporting various legacy sites)
Technologies: HTML4/5, CSS2/3, JSON, SASS, jQuery, Javascript, Handlebars, AngularJS, ReactJS, MySQL, PHP, Wordpress, Grunt, Putty, RequireJS, NodeJS, Vagrant environment

Responsibilities:

- Worked in an Agile environment with typically two weekly sprints and conducted daily stand-ups giving account of the previous day's achievements and the current day's tasks for completion
- Used Atlassian Confluence and Jira to communicate issues with stories and the states of tasks and stories within a given sprint and to keep note of documentation of work.
- Built Wordpress modules with reusable and extensible code for new Discovery owned websites using mainly HTML, CSS / SASS, Javascript / jQuery, PHP and above technologies mentioned where necessary
- Responsible for maintaining, making change requests and bug fixing for Discovery owned legacy websites
- Git, Gitbash within a Vagrant environment to create branches, merging, resolve conflicts and share repositories
- Used Sublime Text 3 as the editor for all programming languages and Grunt to for compilation

Nov 2012 - Mar 2014

Chillisaucе

Main website (www.chillisaucе.co.uk)

- Maintained the current Chillisaucе website (www.chillisaucе.co.uk). Developed new elements as per the director and other key stakeholder's request.
- Development of the new version of the Chillisaucе main website
 - Information Architecture:
 - Identified key requirements; project's aims, objectives, scope and deliverables
 - Drew user flow journey
 - Compartmentalised sections of the website into modules for re-usability
 - Drew low fidelity wireframes
 - Development
 - Stage 1 - Developed a working prototype of the wireframe using the Bootstrap framework with dummy data from the template system of Underscore.JS with as much functionality as possible so as to meet requirements

Members' area (<https://members.chillisaucе.co.uk/>)

NB: This website is username and password protected

- Development of the new version of the Chillisaucе 'Members' Area' website
 - Information Architecture:
 - Identified key requirements; project's aims, objectives, scope and deliverables
 - Drew user flow journey
 - Drew low fidelity wireframes
 - Development
 - Stage 1 - Developed a dynamic and responsive prototype using the Bootstrap framework with real data pulled from the database which the current member's area uses using a combination of Ajax and JSON
 - Stage 2 - Applied the finished design to the developed prototype once design was supplied and approved; ensuring functionality and web standards were met

Technologies used whilst at Chillisaucе:

- HTML5
- CSS2/3
- Javascript (including jQuery)

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Libraries and frameworks used whilst at Chillisaunce:

- Underscore.JS (utilised the template element)
- Bootstrap

Whilst at Chillisaunce, I have been exposed to a range of practices such as subversion control which I am proficient in. Specific subversion control used is Beanstalk.

The development architecture we work in is the MVC architecture (Model-View-Controller). As the front-end developer, I work closely with the back-end developer (.Net) so I have a working knowledge of Razor.

Sept 2012 - Oct 2012

Web Designer & Developer for Options (contract)

Created Options branding and online presence

- Design: Designed and created the Options logo; Design the look and feel (including colour scheme and signature pattern) for the website based on the Options logo.
- Information Architecture: Created Userflow diagrams, low-fidelity design, wireframes and high-fidelity design which were approved by the client.
- Development: Developed a mobile device-ready interface for <http://www.options.com> (by hand coding); employed the use of jQuery libraries throughout the website; used media queries for varying screen dimensions; PHP includes for code re-use; PayPal integration.
- Carried out testing on the entire site to find design, coding and development flaws - stress testing and cross browser testing of XHTML and CSS; also carried out device testing for screen dimensions (iPad, iPhone, Android HTC, desktop and notebook devices).

Technologies and Software used for the creation of Options

- PHP
- HTML5 / HTML4 / XHTML
- CSS2/3
- Javascript (jQuery)
- Adobe Suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop)

Aug 2012 – Oct 2012

Front-End Web / Flash Developer at Market ME

- Developed Ted (Seth McFarlane) asset entry into a digital touch-screen "6 Sheet" for showcasing to DCM using Flash AS3 (<http://www.market-me.co.uk/previews/dcm/showcase/>)
- Ted (Seth McFarlane) game for social networks (Facebook) using Flash AS3. (<http://www.market-me.co.uk/previews/ted/unsteadyteddy/>)
- Aurasma stickers: Augmented Reality Design (Photoshop, InDesign)
- Facebook Tab – Flash interface created for The Monster Collection presented by Universal 100 (<http://www.market-me.co.uk/previews/monsterscollection/>)
- Market ME website (unfinished UI Design)
 - Tools used; HTML4/5, CSS2/3, Adobe Suite (InDesign and Photoshop).

Jun 2010 – July 2012

Front-End Web Developer/Flash Developer at RMA Design

- Developed and maintained website for www.watersideaesthetics.co.uk making improvements where possible on discovery of emerging methodologies or web technologies
- Developed website for www.fira-la.com.
- Developed four public consultation websites for Pegasus Planning Group
- Design and development of Flash games for online (Symantec) and standalone (RMA Design) usage. The Symantec games were localised into six different languages.
- Development of Flash animation sequences for the Sandwell Council website (<http://sandwell.rmadesign.co.uk/>)
- Development of several web banners for Symantec which were localised into 10+ languages
- Front-end development of several microsites by creating clean and maintainable code from PSD using PHP, X/HTML, CSS2/3, Javascript, JQuery/Ajax
- Maintaining and updating - creating new X/HTML pages or updating existing sites and adding new functionality using CSS and jQuery
- Ensure that developed sites are cross browser compatible
- Designed websites so that they are optimised for search engines (SEO best practices followed)
- Designed websites to W3C standards, checked and code-cleaned before deployment
- Designing, coding and dispatching of HTML emailers
- Graphic Design of HTML Banners, Posters, touching-up of images for web use and brochures
- Worked closely with, and incorporated feedback from, visual designers, developers and product managers

Technologies used whilst at RMA Design:

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- HTML4 / XHTML
 - CSS2/3
 - Javascript (jQuery)
 - PHP
 - Flash AS2/AS3
 - XML
 - HTML5 (working knowledge)
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Nov 2004 – Jan 2010

Corporate Branding Consultant at Dragonfly Media Services

- Responsible for designing and developing, architecting and maintaining client websites and designing some of their respective logos
- Developing critical success factors and promotional plans on current services; which has led to the focus on the company's direction changing and goals in given areas (namely, service range increment: web design/development and signage). This was also achieved by drawing best practices from and working closely with affiliate companies
- Optimising required site for Search Engines (SEO)
- Client-facing branding project consultancy
- Managing Web and Graphic Design projects within Dragonfly Media Services-DfMS
- Wire-framing, Interface Prototyping, Project Roadmap
- Designing and developing Web interfaces and Graphical elements for clients (including Flash and static banners)
- Email marketing – developed and designed e-marketing material to promote service range and special offers; implemented by using previous clients' details done by ensuring clients are informed beforehand of forwarded e-marketing material.

Technologies used whilst at Dragonfly Media Services Design:

- HTML4 / XHTML
- CSS
- Javascript (Mootools)
- Flash (with AS2)
- Adobe Suite (Illustrator, Flash, Photoshop)

Whilst at Dragonfly Media Services, I undertook some tasks at Bliss Finance on an ad hoc basis which spanned between 2006 and 2008.

Tasks and duties carried out at Bliss Finance

- Responsible for developing/updating the Bliss Finance website.
 - Setting up of I.T. infrastructure. Setting up of network; building and installing server and workstation machines. Adding users/staff to the network and managing use of the applications.
 - Dealing with any issues that rose with computers; responsible for providing solutions for any IT related issues that occur ensuring that all systems, components and the network are running smoothly and keeping a log of repairs carried out.
 - Identify any issues and escalate if necessary.
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July 2002–Nov 2004

Helpdesk Support at QualiNet Solutions (part time whilst studying)

- Providing software and/or hardware support over the telephone to clients and using NetOp; when necessary, visiting client's premises in order to rectify problems that could not be rectified remotely
 - Reporting to the management on any issues raised with client computers or network and escalating if necessary
 - Evaluating client's I.T. infrastructure and suggesting new layout
 - Ordering and setting up necessary software such as installing operating systems (such as Windows 95/98/98SE/ME/2000 however, typically Windows XP) and configuring hardware to client's request and then delivering the machine(s)
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Nov 2000–Jan 2005

Reprographic Operator at Williams Lea (weekends whilst studying)

- Worked at various Williams Lea client sites including Credit Suisse First Boston, HSBC, Lawrence Graham and Nomura International.
 - Responsible for printing, collating and binding legal, financial and business venture presentation documents whilst maintaining awareness of quality standards and upholding confidentiality due to the nature of documents.
 - Contacting clients before and after the completion of requested print job either telephone or email to confirm what is needed to be done and to inform the completion of job request respectively
 - Escalating any issues raised to supervisor or shift manager
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PERSONAL WORK

Jan 2005–Sept 2005

IT Personnel (Volunteer) at ACP

- Provide basic IT training to staff of six others and maintain record of progress
- Reporting to the management on any issues raised with computers, components or the network, and keeping a log of repairs carried out.
- Responsible for providing solutions for any IT related issues that occur ensuring that all systems and peripherals are functional
- Responsible for developing the African Community Partnership website

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

Dec 2005

Following a series of career development modules

Skills Training UK Ltd.

Jan 2005

Introduction to Management Skills in this 2-day intensive course.

Learn Direct

Oct 2003 – Sept 2004

MSc. Management Information Systems

Cranfield University

Sep 1999 – May 2003

BSc. Information Technology with Multimedia

Middlesex University

3 A Levels (Sociology, Economics and Government & Politics)

6 GCSEs (including Maths and English)

INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

- Hiking, going to the gym and currently learning Chinese (Mandarin dialect)
- Technology - Internet and web including social media/networking, gadgets,
- Drawing/Sketching - Through regular sketching and drawing, I am able to further express my ideas beyond the requirements of a client or user. My interests in regular sketching keeps my imaginative branding ideas polished which I transfer to the projects I engage.
- Painting - The discipline of painting on canvas with oils and acrylic paints help to polish my visual and artistic approach with electronic design.
- Music - Listening and writing
- Poetry - I enjoy writing poetry and listening to spoken word
- Writing - I enjoy writing and I am currently in the phase of writing a novel