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looking for a career change and the chance to code for a living again

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A Brief Introduction to Me

I am a compassionate, empathetic, honest, kind, and funny (obviously that one's a bit subjective) person who people have enjoyed having as a colleague and friend. I'm naturally inquisitive and have always taken an interest in the world around me whilst being keen to constantly improve both personally and through learning new skills. I have been through a life full of wonderful experiences, but also challenges and hiccups, which has circled back on itself to lead me to here, updating my web development skills and working towards being a modern React developer. I'm hoping to be taken on by a supportive and friendly team of web-developers who will guide me to become the valuable asset I believe I can be. Please check out my portfolio site for a more extensive introduction and description of how my life has led to you reading my resume. In the meantime I am going to continue my up-skilling to include the rest of the MERN stack and SSR with Next.js.

Skills and Experience I've Picked Up Along the Way

C	Javascript (ES6)	React	Training and Team Leading
C++	HTML5	React Router	Client Liaison
OpenFrameworks	CSS3	TanStack Query and Context API	Creative Problem Solving
C#	jQuery	Redux and RTK	Mixology and Drink Design
Unity	ActionScript	Tailwind, Styled Components and	Film Making
Java	Git	CSS Modules	Digital and Film Photography

Education and my Learning Journey

2024-2025	**Udemy Guided Learning – Web Development with React** I used the "Ultimate React Course" as the framework for both regaining confidence with web developer basics and then to learn about front-end development with React. I also learnt about using React Router, Redux (Classic and RTK), Thunks, React Hook Form, Tailwind, Styled Components, TanStack Query, Context API and more. It has given me a strong understanding in all facets of development from JSX, Vite, npm, interacting with RESTful APIs, routing, styling, optimisation, advanced React patterns such as Compound Components, and through to deployment with Netlify and communicating with a Supabase database.
2024	**Self Motivated Learning - DaVinci Resolve (Non-Linear Video Editing)** Due to a desire to be able to use my old film-making skills I followed the training pathway so that I could film and edit a personal project (a 20+ minute mockumentary)
2023-2024	**Unity Certified Associate Programmer** The official exam awarded by Unity for the skills I had developed in the previous year
2022-2023	**Skills City Bootcamp and Unity Learn Pathways - Unity Developer with C#** Although focussing on development with C# the courses also covered everything needed to work within the Unity Editor and develop games from scratch. I achieved the Unity Essentials, Junior Programmer, and Creative Core pathways as part of the onboarding for the bootcamp.
2020-2022	**Self Motivated Learning - Creative Coding and Installation Development** I started by learning C for Arduino prototyping so that I could build a sensor array. This led me to learn C++ so I could work with OpenFrameworks. The journey also led me to picking up a touch of GLSL and OpenCV. using w3schools, StackOverflow, OF community, and textbooks
2010-2014	**Open University - Software Development and Mathematics** Five BSc level modules including "Mathematical Methods and Modelling", "Software

Development with Java", and "Developing Concurrent Distributed Systems" for which I earned 1st Class Honours and Upper Second-Class Honours grades (OU classification system)

2009-2010	**Self Motivated Learning - A-Level Mathematics** I used the A-Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics books to gain the knowledge required to embark on my OU degree courses
2008-2009	**Self Motivated Learning - Updating Web Developer Skills** Blew the cobwebs off, and updated, my web developer skills to also include jQuery
2000-2004	**Self Motivated and Work Based Learning - Web Design and Development** Specialised in ActionScript, Javascript, Flash, UI/UX, and Graphic Design whilst also extensively using HTML and CSS and being introduced to SQL, PHP, and ASP
1992-1995	**BA(hons) Film** *majored in Cinematography* *West Surrey College of Art and Design, Farnham* Lower Second
1990-1992	**Btec National Diploma in Design** *West Surrey College of Art and Design, Farnham* Merit

Work History - Creative and Technical (1997 - 2013)
stuff that might be more relevant even though it's a while since I could call it my job

2012 - 2013	**General Assistant** at AJ's Studio and Camera Supplies • Improving their website using my previous knowledge and a little jQuery • Product photography and lighting to increase profile and sales • Sales, technical support and product demonstrations
2004 - 2012	**Freelance Photographer** • Mainly wedding reportage work which required building a relationship of trust with clients and remaining calm and approachable in highly stressful situations • Managing large groups of people in an efficient and empathetic way • Full digital imaging workflow using RAW file editing and Photoshop
2002 - 2004	**Web-Designer and Developer / Partner** at The Little Dot • Co-developing a content and design management system for interactive front-ends using Actionscript and Flash which communicated with a PHP and mySQL back-end • Extending my Javascript libraries to allow for dynamic navigation and animated interactions within 'static' websites • Designing a brand along with associated marketing materials
2001 - 2002	**Web-Designer and Developer** at UKInternet • Designing logos and page layouts in collaboration with clients • Creating Javascript libraries for more efficient cross browser development • Pushing ActionScript and Javascript capabilities to produce unique and eye-catching websites for multiple clients
1997 - 2001	**Lighting Cameraman** on over 200 broadcast pieces (mainly current affairs / education) • Working as part of small teams telling stories about people from all walks of life • Creating innovative aesthetics and lighting designs • Developing sequences dynamically and creatively in a high paced environment

Work History – Hospitality (2012 - 2022)
the past decade surrounded by great people working crazy hours and discovering myself

2021 - 2022	**Deputy Manager and Mixologist** at Hydeaway • Implementing advanced techniques to develop new cocktails and menus • Mentoring and supporting bar staff and also sharing knowledge with guests

	• Helping to build the bar itself, including plumbing, carpentry, and painting to get it open
2018 - 2021	**Trainee Mixologist and Cellar Supervisor** at Riverstation
	• Creating and delivering a craft beer training session to 20+ people to improve sales
2017 - 2018	**Deputy Manager and Cellar Manager** at The Crofters Rights
	• Liaising with artists, promoters, sound engineers, security, and staff to deliver effective communication, great service, and a safe environment for guests
2015 - 2017	**Bar and Cellar Supervisor** at The Three Tuns
	• Implementing a stock management system for craft beer to reduce wastage and improve quality and service
2012 - 2014	**Assistant Bar Manager** at The Bruton Castle
	• Running a weekly open mic night and dabbling in sound engineering
Before 1997	cook, barista, painter / decorator, bartender, and retail sales

Work History – Career Change Break (2022-present)
life has it's ups and downs but now is the time for me to be given the chance to rise again

Due to health challenges I could no longer continue to work in such a physically demanding sector as hospitality and so I had to step away and try to transition to an office based role. With my consistent learning of, and previous experience in, coding and development I set about on a path to gain the skills needed to get back into this field. I have experienced set backs during this time, but also wonderful life events like getting married. It was only when I was hospitalised with suspected lung cancer (which thankfully turned out to be damage from a severe pneumonia infection) that I took a step back for self-reflection and reassessed where my future lay in terms of career. I considered passing on my film making knowledge to young people entering the field but I realised that I had left the only office job I had ever loved when I moved away from web development. I have concentrated on updating and relearning the skills involved over the past year, along with working on my self confidence, and I am now more than ready to be considered by someone like yourself and given a chance to find my forever job.

References

References available, please ask