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SUMMARY

With 25 years of successful professional experience, I come equipped with a versatile skill set that includes a strong attention to detail, a steadfast commitment to continuous learning, high standards, effective problem-solving abilities, adept stakeholder engagement, clear communication skills, impeccable time management, a positive attitude, and a proven track record of teamwork and adaptability. Today, I'm excited to transition into the world of technology, fulfilling a long-standing dream of becoming a software developer.

My career journey has been a steady climb, starting as a salesperson and eventually leading sales teams as the Head of Sales. This trajectory reflects my ability to adapt and thrive in changing environments. My immediate goal is to establish myself in a Junior Software Developer role, where I can apply my skills to contribute effectively to the ever-evolving tech landscape.

Looking forward, I am determined to progress from a Junior Developer to a solid Mid to Senior-level Developer within the next five years. This journey is fueled by my unwavering commitment to personal growth, a continuous thirst for knowledge, and a steadfast dedication to achieving my goals in the technology field.

PROJECTS

Group Project 1 of 4 Contributors (duration 2 weeks)

11/2023 - 11/2023

Wiggle Waggy Walks - React, Java, Firebase ↗

- Proficient use of Java and Spring, contributing to the development of core app components
- Utilised Agile methodologies for efficient project management
- Implemented authentication, real-time chat and image upload features using Firebase to enhance user engagement
- Conducted thorough testing, including unit, integration, and user acceptance testing, to ensure app reliability
- Demonstrated the ability to meet strict project deadlines and perform well under pressure

Group Project - 1 of 4 Contributors (duration 1 week)

10/2023 - 10/2023

Sizzle & Grill Aromatic Recipes - React, MongoDB ↗

- Embraced Agile and Scrum methodologies utilising Mob/Pair Programming
- Unit Testing with React Testing Library for code reliability
- Efficiently managed collaboration through GitHub branches
- Designed an intuitive and visually appealing UI/UX
- Robust API implementation using Express and Node.js

Sole Contributor (duration 1 week)

09/2023 - 09/2023

BrewDog Online Shop - React, MongoDB ↗

- Demonstrated strong problem-solving skills and adaptability while working independently
- Successfully designed and developed a personal project from the ground up, demonstrating full-stack development skills
- Proficient use of CSS for a polished user interface, mimicking existing BrewDog website

Sole Contributor (duration 1 week)

08/2023 - 08/2023

SERVivors Tennis Club Booking System ↗

- Gained initial experience in web development using Python, Flask, and PostgreSQL
- Demonstrated commitment, as a beginner, to project planning and development
- Testing and debugging with pytest, unittest and Flask debugger

EXPERIENCE

Software Development Student07/2023 - 11/2023

CodeClan - CodeBase

The CodeClan 16-week course was an incredible learning experience that lasted over 800 hours. It provided a deep and comprehensive education in software development. During the program, I had the opportunity to explore programming fundamentals, focusing on languages such as Python, Java and JavaScript while emphasising best practices.

Sales Manager11/2017 - 05/2023

CCG Homes Ltd

- Sales Department Startup: Receiving Multiple Awards and Exceeding Sales Targets by 20% Over GDV
- Marketing Management: Sales Materials, Market Analysis, ensuring accuracy at all times
- Product Development: Guiding and enhancing designs, specifications, and efficiency, along side Architects and Engineers
- Team Support: Staff Reviews, appraisals, and meeting targets
- Process Enhancement: Designing and implementing efficient procedures, improving flow of information and reporting
- Problem-Solving: Design and specification challenges during build stages
- Legal Expertise: Ensuring compliance at all times
- Engagement/Networking: Events and Building Key Relationships

Head of Sales01/2007 - 11/2017

Dandara Ltd

- Sales Department Launch: From Inception
- Leadership Advancement: Sales Person, Manager, Head of Sales North East
- Diverse Development Management: Guiding projects for various buyer preferences. Ensuring all sites were staffed and sales areas well presented
- Staff Management: Support, training, appraisals, recruitment
- Innovative Process Enhancement: New and existing processes refined to maximise productivity and efficiency
- Legal: Liaising with solicitors from pre-sales to completion

SKILLS

Front End	PostgreSQL
JavaScript	MongoDB
React	Express.js
HTML & CSS	Node.js
User Experience Design	Spring Boot
Python	Hibernate
Java	Full Stack
SOLID / OOP Principles	Git

EDUCATION

Professional Software Development07/2023 - 11/2023

CodeClan

SCQF Level 8

HNC Software Development08/1994 - 06/1997

Reid Kerr College

SCQF 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

CERTIFICATES

Front-End Software Engineering virtual experience programme on Forage

12/2023 - Present

Skyscanner

- Completed a job simulation where I built a web application using React as a front-end engineer at Skyscanner.
- Developed a page for picking a travel date using Skyscanner's open-source Backpack React library.
- Customised my application and ran automated tests to ensure it rendered properly.

Kickstarter Introduction to Javascript

02/2023 - 04/2023

Code First Girls

Single Sales Principle

07/2022 - 07/2022

100% Pass with Distinction

Management Training ↗

03/2012 - 03/2012

Pareto Law

HOBBIES

In my free time, I'm a pro at making life interesting! You'll often find me pedaling through scenic routes, which doubles as my excuse for an extra slice of cake.

I've also earned my stripes in the DIY realm - I'm the one you call when your bookshelf turns into a Rubik's Cube. And let's not forget tennis, where I've managed to master the art of hitting the ball into mysterious dimensions of the court (sometimes unintentionally).

When I'm not busy chasing tennis balls, I'm out in the great outdoors with my Dog, Carmen. I believe in "eargasmic" experiences, so I dabble in music, both as a listener and, occasionally, a shower-time rockstar.

Recently, I've explored some daring adventures in the world of short courses. From pottery (yes, I've managed to create some questionable art) to sewing

(let's just say my stitching skills have improved from "catastrophic" to "not-so-catastrophic"), and even golf (don't ask about my golf swing; it's a work in progress).

So, whether I'm pedaling, DIY-ing, serving aces, or creating pottery masterpieces (questionable as they may be), you can bet I'm making memorable moments at every turn!