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SUMMARY

Career Changer -
With over 20 years in the residential property industry, I've developed strong skills in sales, product development, customer service, and project management. I recently made a career shift into software development, where I've found that my experience in property sales and design share many valuable traits. Overall my attention to detail and ability to thrive under pressure, meeting tight deadlines have proven beneficial.

Additionally, I'm mindful of various essential technologies, adapting to new tools, and continuously learning. In the property industry, staying updated with market trends was vital, and I've carried this adaptability into the tech world.

I've always been a knowledge sharer and am keen on collaboration, attributes that have served me well in my CodeClan journey. This transition has allowed me to explore both front-end and back-end web development, while embracing practices such as Agile, Scrum, Test-Driven Development, RESTful API design, and efficient GitHub usage. Real-world projects marked the end of my journey, opening doors to a rewarding career in software development and turning my lifelong dream into reality.

PROJECTS

- Group Project - 1 of 4 Contributors (duration 1 week)**
React MongoDB Responsive Recipes App ↗
10/2023 - 10/2023
- 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)**
React MongoDB BrewDog Online Shop ↗
09/2023 - 09/2023
- 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

SKILLS

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

EDUCATION

- Professional Software Development**
CodeClan
07/2023 - Present
Graduating November 2023
- Sales**
Single Sales Principle
07/2022 - 07/2022
100% Pass with Distinction
- Management Training**
Pareto Law
03/2012 - 03/2012
- HND Computing Studies**
Reid Kerr College
08/1994 - 06/1997

Sole Contributor (duration 1 week)

Python Flask Tennis Club Booking System ↗

08/2023 - 08/2023

- Gained initial experience in web development using Python, Flask, and PostgreSQL
- Demonstrated commitment, as a beginner, to project planning and development
- Debugging using Breakpoints and Trace Points

EXPERIENCE

Software Development Student

CodeClan - CodeBase

07/2023 - Present

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 Manager

CCG Homes Ltd

11/2017 - 05/2023

- 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 Sales

Dandara Ltd

01/2007 - 11/2017

- 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
- Scalability: Consulted on Growth Strategies to allow for £90m turnover in the first year

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 embarked on 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!