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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.

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

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

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 Relaunch: Receiving Multiple Awards and Exceeding Sales Targets by 20% Over GDV
- Marketing Management: Sales Materials, Market Analysis, ensuring accuracy at all times
- Recruitment & Training Leadership: Guiding New Staff and Nurturing Talent
- Product Development: Enhancing Designs, Specifications, and Efficiency
- Legal Expertise: Ensuring compliance at all times
- Process Enhancement: Designing and Implementing Efficient Procedures, improving flow of information and reporting
- Team Support: Conducting Staff Reviews, Appraisals, and Meeting Targets
- Engagement and Networking: Events and Building Key Relationships
- Problem-Solving: Design and Specification Challenges during build stages

Head of Sales
Dandara Ltd
01/2007 - 11/2017

- Sales Department Launch: Aberdeen Sales Department
- Diverse Development Management: Guiding Projects for Various Buyer Preferences
- Sales Leadership Advancement: Sales Person, Manager and then to Head of Sales North East
- Innovative Process Enhancement
- Talent Acquisition Coordination
- Staff Management: Support, Training, Appraisals
- Scalability: Implementing 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. 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!