

ARRON WARE

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an enthusiastic and hardworking individual who is interested in web design. I create websites for people by commission, and as a hobby. Some examples of my work can be seen on arronware.com. I try and make my websites responsive, unique and intriguing - whilst exploring a range of different styles - using HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

My scrapbook website (<https://scrapbook.arronware.com>) employs a more bare-bones appearance to resemble the web equivalent of a scrapbook, whilst the website I'm currently working on by commission takes a modernist approach (<https://chrisgray.arronware.com>). I try to avoid typical, modern web designs similar to that from WordPress and similar companies – although I have extensive experience with WordPress as well. I believe that my own unique style helps to grant me a certain appeal. However, my experience with website commissions has allowed me to discuss with the client what they would prefer, in order to create a fun, stylised website that also stays true to their vision.

My other hobbies include repurposing old electronics; I gutted and refurbished an old iMac into a monitor for my PC, and modified an old synthesiser by retrofitting an FM synth on a raspberry pi zero. I am also a photographer, and some examples of my work can be found at <https://photography.arronware.com/index.html>.

I have work experience in a tech support environment at DFDS, and I also sell old technology online, so I am experienced in how to talk to customers about IT and electronics. Volunteering in the busiest charity shop in the centre of Manchester has given me valuable customer service skills that I believe make me perfect for this role.

EDUCATION

2022-2025

Manchester Metropolitan University Undergraduate Sound and Music Design (2:1)

- Created my own instrument out of discarded materials such as wine bottles and glasses, by attaching contact microphones on various elements inside the instrument, routing the current from them through speaker cable and out to instrument cable sockets.
- Created sonic branding material for podcasts, these were short sonic themes for the start, interlude, logo, and end of the podcast.
- Created an entirely original piece to be performed as a group. This developed my teamworking skills as we were paired with people of different skillsets.

2019-2022

Grimsby Institute College

- BTEC: Level 1/Level 2 Information and Creative Technology (Double Distinction*)
- T Level: Digital Production, Design and Development (Merit)

2014-2019

Oasis Academy Immingham/The Academy Grimsby

- GCSEs: Triple Science, English Lit/Lang, Mathematics, Film Studies, Computer Science, History
- BTEC: First Award in Creative Digital Media (Merit)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

11/24–6/25 British Heart Foundation, Manchester Piccadilly

- I learned vital teamworking skills whilst working with my colleagues to organise stock and help different customers with their needs. I enjoyed meeting the different people who walked through the door of the shop each day, as I am a sociable person.

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- I was tasked with producing websites that aimed to educate on various impacts of climate change. This developed my teamworking skills in a web development context, as the impact calculations I undertook utilised many factors which required group communication.

04/17 DFDS Seaways

- I had 2 weeks work experience at DFDS Seaways, where I spent a day with the software developers and with technical support. This required me to be on call with dispatch and configure the new office machines, which has furthered my confidence in communicating with specialised vocabulary whilst problem-solving.

06/22 Microsoft: Azure AI Fundamentals

- Gained insightful knowledge into AI and machine learning concepts to attain a certification in Microsoft Azure services.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- I have a very hands-on approach to things and love taking apart technology to see how it works. I gutted an old iMac to refurbish it into a new monitor which I now use daily.
- As a hobby, I modified an old synthesiser by retrofitting an FM synth on a raspberry pi zero, replacing the original damaged components. I decoded the keyboard matrix to translate the original keyboard inputs into MIDI.
- Have basic proficiency in Python.
- I am skilled at designing complex websites using HTML, PHP, SQL, CSS and WordPress.
- I have extensive proficiency in video editing using software such as Adobe Premiere Pro, and graphic design software such as Adobe Photoshop and GIMP.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

I am a polite, well-mannered, punctual individual who enjoys meeting people from all walks of life. Regularly attending my university's film society meetings has strengthened my communication skills and my ability to converse with new people who share different tastes. I spend most of my free time refurbishing old technology, and taking photos using both digital and film SLR cameras.

CHARACTER REFERENCES

- Shannon Norris – Programme Leader for Computing at Grimsby Institute of Further & Higher Education. Email Address: norriss@grimsby.ac.uk
- Joanna Finley – Manager for British Heart Foundation, Manchester Piccadilly. Email Address: M36@bhf.org.uk