ARRON WARE

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an enthusiastic and hardworking individual who is interested in teamworking in a tech support environment. I am passionate about technology – I create websites for people by commission, and enjoy 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. Alongside this I am an avid Linux enthusiast whilst running a variety of different operating systems to best suit my needs.

I am often told I have a cheerful disposition, and I get on well with the older generation as well as being able to socialise with those my own age. I have work experience in a tech support environment at DFDS, and I enjoyed unpicking the issues that clients had and communicating with a variety of people. 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.
- As part of a branding unit, I used my experience as a web developer to create my website from scratch (<u>arronware.com</u>).
- Created an entirely original piece to be performed as a group. This developed my teamworking skills as we were paired with people of different backgrounds and 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. I often dealt with customer queries and complaints, and enjoyed finding solutions to their problems.

10/21-03/22 **Boysen B**

 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, as well as giving
me vital customer service and support skills.

06/22 Microsoft: Azure Al 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 and CSS.
- I have basic proficiency in video editing using software such as Adobe Premiere Pro. I am well-experienced in graphic design using 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

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